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Los Angeles Community College District

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Subject: RESOLUTION – IN SUPPORT OF SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 160 (McGUIRE) WHICH DECLARES NOVEMBER 2017 AS RUNAWAY AND HOMELESS YOUTH MONTH (RHYM)

The following resolution is presented by Board Members Hoffman, Buelna, and Kamlager:

- WHEREAS, November is recognized both nationally and in California as Runaway and Homeless Youth Awareness Month; and
- WHEREAS, Runaway and homeless youth are young people between the ages of twelve and twenty-four with the least access to essential opportunities and supports; and
- WHEREAS, The prevalence of runaway and homelessness among youth is staggering, with studies nationally suggesting that between 1.6 and 2.8 million youth live on the street for at least one night in a one-year period; and
- WHEREAS, An estimated 200,000 youth under the age of eighteen and thousands more ages eighteen to twenty-four experience homelessness each year in California; and
- WHEREAS, Runaway and homeless youth are overwhelmingly youth who have been expelled from their homes by their families; physically, sexually and emotionally abused at home; discharged from foster care and other state custodial systems without adequate transition plans; separated from their parents by death and divorce; too poor to secure their own basic needs; and ineligible or unable to access adequate medical or mental health resources; and

Chancellor and Secretary of the Board of Trustees	Buelna	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moreno	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Fong	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Svonkin	<i>MV</i>
	Hoffman	<i>S</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Veres	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Kamlager	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Martinez	<i>aye</i>
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- WHEREAS, Runaway and homeless youth living on the street are victims of physical abuse, sexual exploitation and crime in untold numbers; and
- WHEREAS, Runaway youth are on the street because they feel there are no other options open to them; and
- WHEREAS, Youth who "age out" of the foster care system are at an increased risk of homelessness and represent an estimated twenty-five to forty percent of the youth who are currently homeless; and
- WHEREAS, Providing safe, stable and permanent housing for runaway and homeless youth is a family, community, state and national priority; and
- WHEREAS, The future wellbeing of our state depends on the value we place on our youth and in particular on our actions to provide these most vulnerable of our young people with opportunities to acquire the knowledge, skills and abilities they need to find and maintain stable housing and develop into healthy and productive adults; and
- WHEREAS, The number of effective programs providing services and supports to runaway and homeless youth in California is a fraction of what is needed to fully address the needs of these young people; and
- WHEREAS, The California Youth Crisis Line (1-800-843-5200) has been operated twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week for over twenty-four years by the California Coalition for Youth as the state's only emergency response system for youth in crisis; and
- WHEREAS, Awareness of the tragedy of youth homelessness and its causes must be heightened to ensure greater support for effective programs aimed at preventing homelessness and helping youth remain off the streets; and

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- WHEREAS, The California Community College system has made it a priority to serve homeless youth through the establishment of priority registration and fee waiver programs; now, therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That the Los Angeles Community College District recognizes the need for individuals, schools, communities, businesses, local governments and the state—to take action on behalf of runaway and homeless youth; and, be it further
- RESOLVED, That the Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees support Senate Concurrent Resolution 160 (McGuire) which declares November 2017 as Runaway and Homeless Youth Month (RHYM).

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