

Resolution No. 09 - 23

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE  
SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
REGARDING INVOCATIONS AT DISTRICT AND COLLEGE EVENTS

December 7, 2009

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to preserve the tradition and practice of offering invocations at important District and college events and to do so in a manner consistent with the principles of the state and federal constitutions and applicable law;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Board of Trustees of the South Orange County Community College District **FINDS, DECLARES, RESOLVES** and **ORDERS** that the following are adopted as official policies and practices of the District:

1. **District policy regarding invocations at District and college events**

The District engages in the time-honored practice of offering invocations and the Pledge of Allegiance at significant District and college events in order to call attention to the solemnity of these occasions in the lives of students, their families and our educational institutions, to invoke divine guidance and blessing, to show respect for beliefs widely held among members of the community, to promote patriotism, to honor America's heritage, and to reflect on the meaning that service and sacrifice give to every human life.

2. **District policy regarding use of recordings at District events**

The policy of the District and its colleges requires that no video or audio recordings are permitted to be presented at District or college events that have not been fully reviewed, to the end, and determined not to include any inappropriate religious or other content.

3. **District policy regarding personal comments at District events**

The policy of the District and its colleges prohibits District and college officials from presenting personal comments with sectarian religious content at District or college events.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED**, by the Board of Trustees of the South Orange County Community College District, Orange County, State of California, on December 7, 2009.

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