



October 20, 2025

Board of Trustees Resolution

In Recognition of the 40th Anniversary of Irvine Valley College

Whereas, on October 22, 1985, Irvine Valley College (IVC) was officially dedicated as an independent institution of higher learning, having previously operated as Saddleback College North; and

Whereas, IVC has grown into a nationally recognized institution, serving more than 23,000 students annually with over 90 associate degrees, 70 certificate programs, and innovations across the liberal arts, sciences, and advanced technologies; and

Whereas, IVC has been the No. 1 transfer college to the University of California system in Orange County since 2014, with 90 percent of transfer students earning bachelor's degrees and performing on par with or above native university students; and

Whereas, over the last decade, IVC graduates have generated an estimated \$6.4 billion in societal benefits, while gaining clear paths to livable wages and expanded workforce training opportunities; and

Whereas, IVC was recently ranked No. 13 out of 327 community and certificate-granting colleges statewide in a groundbreaking study recognizing IVC for return on investment, with students able to recoup their educational investment within six months; and

Whereas, IVC continues to expand its presence in Tustin, particularly through the School of Integrated Design, Engineering and Automation (IDEA) at the Advanced Technology and Education Park (ATEP), which since opening in 2018 has become recognized for innovative programming in fields such as robotics, automation, and design; and

Whereas, IVC has been recognized as a "Great College to Work For" for four consecutive years and continues to grow under the leadership of its seventh president, Dr. John Hernandez, with major facilities projects, including the Student Services Center and Student Union currently under construction, and the \$61 million Arts Village complex completed in 2024; and

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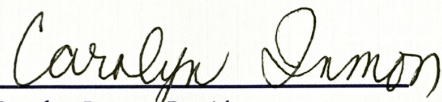
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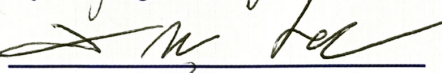
Whereas, the college fosters a vibrant student co-curricular experience with more than 65 student clubs, esports, dual enrollment, free tuition through the Irvine Valley Promise, robust student services such as The Spot Basic Needs Center, and competition in nine intercollegiate sports; now, therefore,

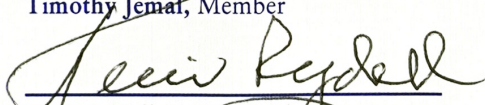
Be it resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the South Orange County Community College District hereby recognizes and celebrates the 40th anniversary of Irvine Valley College for its outstanding contributions to student success, academic excellence, workforce development, and community impact; and

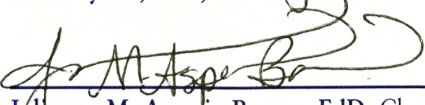
Be it further resolved, that the Board commends the students, faculty, classified professionals, administrators, alumni, and community partners who have built and shaped the legacy of Irvine Valley College and looks forward to its next era of innovation and excellence.


Carolyn Inmon, President

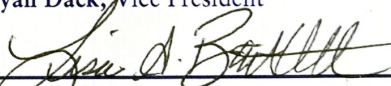

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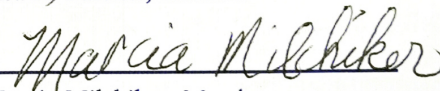

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