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# Board of Trustees Resolution

## Recognizing April 13, 2026 as Holocaust Day of Remembrance

*Whereas,* the Holocaust was the systematic, state-sponsored persecution and murder of six-million Jews and millions of other innocent victims by the Nazi regime and its collaborators during World War II; and

*Whereas,* Holocaust Remembrance Day, known as Yom HaShoah, is observed as a day of commemoration for the victims and a reaffirmation of the commitment to prevent future genocides and acts of hatred; and

*Whereas,* remembering the Holocaust reminds us of the profound dangers of hatred, intolerance, discrimination, and totalitarianism, and underscores the importance of promoting human dignity, justice, and respect for all people; and

*Whereas,* Jewish Americans have made and continue to make significant contributions to the cultural, intellectual, economic, scientific, and civic life of the United States, strengthening the nation's democracy, diversity, and pursuit of justice; and

*Whereas,* education about the Holocaust fosters understanding, compassion, and vigilance against antisemitism and all forms of bigotry, and aligns with the mission of the South Orange County Community College District (SOCCCD) to cultivate inclusive, informed, and engaged communities; and

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*Whereas*, the South Orange County Community College District is committed to honoring the memory of those who perished, supporting survivors, and ensuring that the lessons of the Holocaust are taught to future generations through education, reflection, and community engagement; now, therefore,

*Be It Resolved*, that the Board of Trustees of the South Orange County Community College District hereby recognizes April 13, 2026, as Holocaust Remembrance Day; and

*Be It Further Resolved*, that the District calls upon students, faculty, staff, and community members to observe this solemn day with acts of remembrance and renewed dedication to confronting hatred wherever it may exist.

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