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# Board of Trustees Resolution

## Honoring 2026 Irvine Valley College Emeritus Teacher of the Year Mary Gulino

*Whereas,* Mary Gulino, as a dedicated faculty member in the Emeritus Program, consistently demonstrates exceptional passion and commitment to the visual arts, fostering an engaging, supportive and inspiring environment for her students; and

*Whereas,* her expertise in painting, drawing and photography, combined with her keen eye for detail, light, color, design, balance, depth and perspective, allows her to provide lessons that are both artistically rigorous and accessible to students of all levels; and

*Whereas,* Mary Gulino creates a positive and professional learning environment where students feel encouraged to explore their creativity, experiment with different styles and techniques, and develop their own artistic voice; and

*Whereas,* her dedication extends beyond the classroom as she nurtures long-term relationships with her students, many of whom have gone on to exhibit their artwork at local art shows, including the Lakeview Senior Center annual art exhibits and the Orange County Fair Fine Arts Exhibition; and

*Whereas,* Mary's impact reaches beyond Irvine Valley College through her professional work as a practicing artist and photographer, including exhibiting and selling her artwork at prestigious art festivals and venues throughout Orange County, demonstrating excellence and recognition in her field; and

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*Whereas*, her students consistently recognize her care, patience and encouragement, describing her as “welcoming, supportive and incredibly knowledgeable,” with one student sharing, “Mary is a fantastic teacher who brings the best out of you through her teaching skills and to top it all she is also a caring and compassionate human being!”; now, therefore,

*Be It Resolved*, that the Board of Trustees and the Chancellor of the South Orange County Community College District do hereby commend and congratulate Mary Gulino for her exemplary contributions as the 2026 Emeritus Teacher of the Year at Irvine Valley College.

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