



May 18, 2026

Board of Trustees Resolution

Recognizing June as LGBTQIA+ Pride Month

Whereas, Pride Month is celebrated each June to commemorate the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan, a pivotal moment in the ongoing struggle for LGBTQIA+ civil rights and liberation; and

Whereas, Pride Month offers an opportunity to reflect on the progress made and the work that remains to protect and uplift the LGBTQIA+ community, especially in a time of heightened legislative and social challenges across the nation; and

Whereas, the South Orange County Community College District (SOCCCD) affirms its unwavering commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging, striving to ensure that all students and employees—regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression – are seen, valued, and supported; and

Whereas, SOCCCD continues to foster a culture of learning and leadership through inclusive curriculum, supportive policies, employee education, and district-wide programming that reflects the lived experiences and histories of LGBTQIA+ people; and

Whereas, the District remains vigilant in addressing systemic inequities and combating discrimination, recognizing that LGBTQIA+ individuals – particularly transgender people and LGBTQIA+ people of color – continue to face disproportionate barriers to health, education, safety, and economic opportunity; and

Whereas, SOCCCD proudly supports the visibility, resilience, and contributions of LGBTQIA+ students, employees, families, and allies, and is committed to cultivating campus spaces where all can thrive authentically and without fear; and

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Whereas, Pride Month is a time to celebrate the diverse voices, leadership, and achievements of LGBTQIA+ people, whose impact continues to shape culture, policy, and progress within the South Orange County community and beyond; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved, that the South Orange County Community College District Board of Trustees hereby proclaims June 2026 as LGBTQIA+ Pride Month, encouraging all members of the SOCCCD community to honor the past, uplift the present, and commit to a more inclusive and just future.

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