

**RESOLUTION
OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
OF THE SANTA BARBARA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

**Resolution No. 17
SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month is intended to draw attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts every person in this community; and

WHEREAS, Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network statistics state that 26% of women, 23% of the LGBTQ+ community, and 7% of men have reported experiencing some form of sexual assault during college; as a result, 34% drop out of college; and

WHEREAS, we all have a role to play in preventing and ending sexual assault; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to intensify local efforts to advocate for survivors and to promote strategies that create safe environments for all students, faculty, and staff; and

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara City College is committed to creating a campus environment where sexual assault is unacceptable, and survivors are supported both in their personal recovery and in their pursuit of academic success; and

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara City College has implemented trauma informed policies that embrace the requirements of Federal Title IX and California State law; and

WHEREAS, in-person and on-line training is provided to employees and students by the Title IX Department, The Well, and often in collaboration with Standing Together to End Sexual Assault (STESA) and UCSB Campus Advocacy Resources and Education (CARE). STESA and CARE are content experts in intervention and prevention of sexual assault. The presentations are designed to educate students and staff about sexual violence prevention, support for survivors, and ensure that perpetrators are held accountable; and

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara City College recognizes the importance of partnering with local, state, and national organizations like Standing Together to End Sexual Assault (STESA) to support the movement to end sexual violence and to provide resources and advocacy for the campus community; and

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Santa Barbara Community College District, hereby designates April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month and pledges to continue its efforts to promote awareness, prevention, and support throughout the campus and community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the SANTA BARBARA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT this 25th day of April, 2024, by the following vote:

Aye: 5

No:

Abstain:

Absent: 2

Concur: 1



Jonathan Abboud, President
Santa Barbara Community College District
Board of Trustees



Erika Endrijonas, Ph.D.
Superintendent/President and Secretary/Clerk
to the Board of Trustees