RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
LONG BEACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT RECOGNIZING
OCTOBER 2018 AS LGBTQ HISTORY MONTH

A Resolution by the Board of Trustees of the Long Beach Community College District recognizing October 2018 as LGBTQ History Month.

WHEREAS, Long Beach City College recognizes that LGBTQ History Month is intended to encourage honesty and openness about being lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and/or queer; and

WHEREAS, Long Beach City College recognizes our community’s diversity is one of our greatest strengths; and

WHEREAS, Long Beach City College recognizes that lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer people come from all walks of life, regardless of race, ethnicity, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, economic status, physical or mental ability, medical condition, sex, or gender identity or expression; and

WHEREAS, Long Beach City College is aware that to achieve a more just and fair society, our students must respect one another, to appreciate our differences, and to recognize the common good in all of us; and

WHEREAS, Long Beach City College acknowledges that more lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer people are being elected to public offices across the country, playing in professional sports leagues, occupying the highest positions in business and government, and serving as role models for all. In addition lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer people have made important and lasting contributions to our community, state and nation in every field of endeavor, including, but not limited to, business, medicine, law, humanities, science, literature, politics, education, music, philanthropy, sports and athletics, arts and culture, that enrich our national life. The transgender community in particular, has gained newfound prominence in the media, entertainment, sports, and business, raising awareness about gender identity and the obstacles this community continues to face; and

WHEREAS, Long Beach City College recognizes that diversity on our campus is one of our greatest strengths and to achieve a more just and fair society we must respect one another, to appreciate our differences and to recognize the common good in all of us; and

WHEREAS, Long Beach City College is committed to providing equitable student learning and achievement, academic excellence and workforce development by delivering high-quality educational programs and support services to our diverse communities; and

WHEREAS, Long Beach City College provides a safe environment that supports learning and encourages all students to pursue their goals and successfully achieve them. LBCC does not tolerate sex discrimination – including sexual harassment and violence – and is committed to empowering all students and employees to take actions to eliminate sex discrimination on campus and to know how to get assistance if sex discrimination occurs; and
WHEREAS, Long Beach City College provides gender neutral restrooms that can be used by all
gender identities and expressions. Gender neutral restrooms benefit many different people
including those assisting persons requiring an attendant, parents with differently gendered
children, and transgender and gender nonconforming persons; and

WHEREAS, Long Beach City College Student Heath Center provides all students with support
and resources they need to be successful throughout college and provide safe spaces for LGBTQ
students to seek information, support and culturally sensitive care; and

WHEREAS, Long Beach City College Student Health Center staff have toured the LGBTQ
Center of Long Beach and refers students for health services, events and wellness group sessions
at the LGBTQ Center of Long Beach; and

WHEREAS, Long Beach City College continues to seek opportunities to participate in campus
programs and events that engender community pride, foster a strong sense of community and
promote awareness and wellness for all students, including students of all sexual orientations
and/or gender identities and expressions; and

WHEREAS, Long Beach City College Queer Space Club consist of a group of individuals who
have a desire to create a LGBTQ inclusive safe space at meetings. The group generates a greater
understanding through advocacy, workshops, events, community building and discussions. The
Queer Space Club hosted weekly meetings, movie night, Trans Day of Remembrance Open Mic
and Hogwarts Winter Snow Ball; and

WHEREAS, Long Beach City College hosted a Foreign Language Film Festival and lecture
celebrating LGBTQ contributions in art and history; and

WHEREAS, Long Beach City College joined thousands of LGBTQ community members and
supporters during the 35th Annual Long Beach Pride Parade on May 20, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Long Beach City College aims to support the LGBTQ community to feel safe,
supported and engage more confidently within our local communities and become active citizens
by providing a range of events and support services throughout the District; and

WHEREAS, Long Beach City College continues to improve the campus environment for all
students, staff, faculty and visitors at LBCC by developing and supporting inclusive
understandings of gender and sexuality through advising, advocacy and mentorship; and

WHEREAS, Long Beach City College Office of Student Affairs is submitting a project request
to Instructional and Information Technology Services (IITS) requesting preferred names be
shown on class rosters and student identification cards and within Starfish, Canvas and the
Library; and

WHEREAS, Long Beach City College Office of Student Affairs is planning to launch a new
“Brave Space” program in the Spring 2019 replacing the former Safe Space program; and
WHEREAS, Long Beach City College has provided a series of online, interactive, and research-proven training simulations, through Kognito, designed to educate our faculty, staff and students about best practices in supporting LGBTQ students who are struggling due to harassment or exclusion and facing challenges in adjusting to college life; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Long Beach Community College District does hereby proclaim October 2018 as LGBTQ History Month.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this 12th day of September, 2018

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
LONG BEACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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