

## **RESOLUTION NO. 23A**



## BEFORE THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE CONTRA COSTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

## RESOLUTION HONORING VETERANS AND ALL PERSONS CURRENTLY SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, OUR EMPLOYEE VETERANS AND OUR STUDENT VETERANS

**WHEREAS**, the United States of America was founded on the principles of liberty, opportunity and justice for all; and

WHEREAS, the United States of America has called upon all those in uniform to protect our national security, advance our national interests, preserve our rights and freedoms, and defend our way of life; and

**WHEREAS**, on Veterans Day, we recognize those serving in our Armed Forces past and present, who have rendered the highest service any American can offer; and

**WHEREAS**, there are over 18 million Veterans, from every walk of life, living in the United States of America and its territories, who have and continue to help shape our country's history; and

**WHEREAS**, on Veterans Day we have the opportunity to rededicate ourselves to fulfilling our commitment to all those who serve on our behalf; and

WHEREAS, many of our military veterans continue to support one another through their involvement in more than 20 veteran service organizations throughout Contra Costa County, which continue to provide invaluable services to our veterans, and assist with health claims, job training programs, community support, and countless hours of volunteer services throughout our communities; and

WHEREAS, the Contra Costa Community College District (4CD) continues to provide affordable and quality higher education needed for a good paying job or transfer to a four-year institution to military veterans who are transitioning to civilian life, and has 462 veteran students enrolled during fall 2024; and

WHEREAS, 4CD's three colleges – Contra Costa College, Diablo Valley College and Los Medanos College – in partnership with the Sentinels of Freedom, established Veterans Resource Centers with a mission to ensure military veteran students take full advantage of the resources available to them, including GI Bill benefits, while helping them navigate each step of their community college experience; and

**WHEREAS**, in its commitment to social, racial, and economic justice, 4CD will continue to advance diversity, equity, inclusion and a sense belonging for everyone in our community, including veterans.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that 4CD recognizes and salutes all veterans and those persons who are currently serving in our Armed Forces around the world, our employee veterans for their contributions to student success, and our student veterans enrolled in our colleges for their commitment and perseverance in completing their higher education goals.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November 2024, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	(Student Trustee Advisory Vote – aye), Rebecca Barrett, Andy Li, Dr. Judy E. Walters, Fernando Sandoval and John E. Márquez
NOES:	
ABSTAIN:	
ABSENT:	

APPROVED:

Rebecca Barrett, President 4CD Governing Board

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ATTEST:

Judy E. Walters, Ph.D., Secretary

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