

RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF  
KERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

In re: ) RESOLUTION NO. R-06-21  
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**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING** )  
**PORTERVILLE COLLEGE** )  
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**RECITALS**

Section 1. **WHEREAS:**

- (a) Whereas, the Windy Fire began on September 9th in the Tule River Indian Reservation about 25 miles East of Porterville. It is believed to have been caused by a lightning strike. It has threatened multiple mountain communities and many of the Giant Sequoias in the Sequoia National Forest, and
- (b) Whereas, evacuation orders were issued for the communities of Ponderosa, Quaking Aspen, Camp Nelson, Pierpoint, Coy Flat, Mountain Aire, Cedar Slope, Alpine Village, Rogers Camp, Sequoia Crest, Johnsondale and Camp Whitsett Due to the Windy Fire centered in the Sequoia National Forest east of Porterville. As of Thursday, October 7th, the fire burned 97,514 acres and was 75% contained, and the Red cross reported that over 3500 people were affected in those immediate areas, and
- (c) Whereas, Porterville College provided various services including hosting a Temporary Evacuation Point (TEP) and then an overnight shelter in the gym beginning on September 16, 2021 allowing evacuated residents to stay in the gym, house their pets and keep their RVs on campus. The sheltering averaged 10 to 15 people per day with the highest reported 1-day number of 21 people with a total of over 250 and 50 dogs and 10 cats (many were single-night visitors). Over 40 RVs were parked on campus throughout the event, and
- (d) Whereas, Porterville College and staff coordinated with the Red Cross, Tulare County Office of Emergency Services, Tulare County Sheriff's office, the US Forrest Service, and
- (e) Whereas, the staff of Porterville College Maintenance and Operations, the President's office, Cafeteria, Campus Safety (with collaboration from Bakersfield College and Cerro Coso Community College), Communications & Community Relations, Library, and others worked countless hours, and
- (f) Whereas, John Word has worked for over 12 years as the Director of Maintenance & Operations at Porterville College and due to his leadership in working with the greater Tulare County emergency operations resulted in the establishment of a mutual aid agreement with the Red Cross which has fostered Porterville College's ability to mobilize three campus fire evacuation shelters within a few hours. As Certified Project Manager planned, executed, and monitored several major campus programs that began within days of the Windy Fire Evacuation Center activation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees of the Kern Community College District:

1. Recognize Porterville College President, Claudia Habib, and Porterville College staff for their invaluable service to the region.
2. Recognize Porterville College Director of Maintenance and Operations, John Word for his leadership and dedication.

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF  
KERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT, AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1. The above recitals are true and correct.

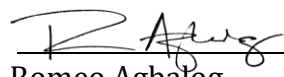
SECTION 2. The above recitals are true and correct.

The Resolution set forth above was adopted by the following vote:


AYES: 7      NOES: 0      ABSENT: 0      ABSTENSTIONS: 0

GOVERNING BOARD OF THE  
KERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

By

  
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Romeo Agbalog,  
President, Board of Trustees

I certify that the Resolution is a full and correct excerpt from the Journal of the Board of Trustees of the Kern Community College District pertaining to the adoption of the Resolution at a meeting held on October 19, 2021.

  
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Sonya Christian, Chancellor  
Authorized Agent of the Board of Trustees  
of the Kern Community College District