



June 23, 2025

Board of Trustees Resolution

Recognizing June 2025 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 2025 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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