

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois Board of Higher Education is in strong agreement with recent affirmations by public and private colleges of Illinois' commitment to a safe and inclusive environment for all of its students, including undocumented students, and

**WHEREAS**, across the nation there has been a disturbing rise in hateful acts toward certain students based on race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, economic class, and perceived sexual orientation or gender identity, and

**WHEREAS**, there have been dramatic increases in calls to national and Illinois hotlines from students, especially undocumented students, stressed about their future status on college campuses, and

**WHEREAS**, Illinois needs the talents of all its students to be meet its goal of 60 percent of its workforce with a valuable college credential and to be a successful state;

### **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,**

The Illinois Board of Higher Education strongly condemns any acts that threaten the safety of students and their ability to complete their college education. We encourage proactive strategies on our campuses to facilitate the delivery of legal, financial and mental health services to students affected and to encourage constructive dialogue among faculty, administrators, student services staff, and students that promote the understanding and acceptance of differences that should characterize an educated community.

Approved by the Illinois Board of Higher Education  
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