MENDOCINO-LAKE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

A Resolution of the Governing Board of the Mendocino-Lake Community College District approving the rescheduling of Governing Board Member Elections from Odd-Numbered years to Even-Numbered years, in Accordance with Elections Code §1302 and Senate Bill 415 (2015-2016 Regular Session), and Requesting the Approval of the County of Mendocino and the County of Lake to Consolidate the Same with the Statewide General Election Pursuant to Elections Code § 10405.7.

RESOLUTION 12-16-01

WHEREAS, on September 1, 2015, Governor Brown signed Senate Bill 415 (Reg. Sess.), codified at Stats. 2015, ch. 235, enacting Elections Code §§ 14050-14057, which would authorize voters to seek a court order to change local elections dates to even-numbered years if voter-turnout in odd-numbered year local elections is substantially lower than the average in recent statewide elections; and

WHEREAS, the Mendocino-Lake Community College District currently conducts its elections for members of the Board of Trustees in November of odd-numbered years (e.g., November 2017) pursuant to Education Code § 5000 and Elections Code § 1302 subdivision (a); and

WHEREAS, voter participation in Mendocino and Lake Counties is greater for statewide general elections than for odd-year local elections, including school board member elections; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that rescheduling to even-numbered year elections may enhance voter participation and further increase the percentage of voters participating in the Community College Board elections; and

WHEREAS, it is considered the view of the Board that starting with the 2018 Board elections, the public interest will be better served by election of its Board members in even-numbered year elections, held in conjunction with the statewide general elections; and

WHEREAS, the Board further recognizes that there may also be a cost savings to the District resulting from aligning the District's elections with the statewide general elections; and

WHEREAS, as a result of these facts, the Board desires to change the date of future Board member elections to be consolidated with the California statewide general election in order to increase and enhance voter participation; and

WHEREAS, Elections Code § 1302(b) establishes a procedure whereby the Board may change the election date for its Board members by adopting a resolution seeking approval of the change by the Board of Supervisors of the affected counties, see Elec. Code § 10405.7; and

WHEREAS, if the change in election date is approved by the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors and the Lake County Board of Supervisors, it is requested that the new election date be moved from November of odd-numbered years to November of even-numbered years

The foregoing RESOLUTION was adopted this 14th day of December, 2016, at a regular meeting of the Governing Board of the Mendocino-Lake Community College District by the following vote:

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	•	Aye Robert Jason Pinoli Aye				
Marie Myers	<u>Aye</u>	Dave Geck		Aye		
Edward Haynes	Aye	John Tomkii	าร	Aye		
Paul Ubelhart	Aye					
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