

Resolution Supporting AB 1887

Whereas, The Sonoma County Junior College District is committed unequivocally to supporting our LGBT students, faculty and staff, and

Whereas, Several states in the United States have enacted laws that authorize or allow unjust discrimination against persons on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, same-sex relationship, or same-sex marriage, enumerated by the California Attorney General as Alabama¹, Kansas², Kentucky³, Mississippi⁴, North Carolina⁵, South Dakota⁶, Tennessee⁷, and Texas⁸, a list subject to further amendment by the Attorney General, and

Whereas, The California Legislature has passed Assembly Bill (AB) 1887⁹, effective January 1, 2017, which prohibits California state-funded and state-sponsored travel to these states, although these restrictions apply to state agencies, departments, boards, authorities, commissions, and the three segments of the California public higher education system as a whole, but not necessarily to individual districts, The Chancellor for The California Community Colleges has requested voluntary participation in the travel ban by local districts in the system, and

Whereas, This social justice issue is too important to conduct business as usual with these states without taking a stand, ~~that might be uncomfortable and even painful for some students and employees of the district, while sympathizing with that pain,~~

Resolved, That the Sonoma County Junior College District support our LGBT community by participating in the travel restrictions, to wit, the District's funds and resources shall not be used to fund, sponsor or support employee or student travel to states subject to the travel ban, with the exception of those situations specifically exempted in the legislation.

The Sonoma County Junior College District Board of Trustees

The Santa Rosa Junior College Academic Senate

¹ <http://alisondb.legislature.state.al.us/ALISON/SearchableInstruments/2017RS/PrintFiles/HB24-enr.pdf>

² http://www.kslegislature.org/li_2016/b2015_16/measures/sb175/

³ <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/17RS/SB17.htm>

⁴ <http://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/documents/2016/html/HB/1500-1599/HB1523SG.htm>

⁵ <http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2015E2/Bills/House/PDF/H2v4.pdf>;

<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2017/Bills/House/HTML/H142v5.html>

⁶ <http://www.sdlegislature.gov/docs/legsession/2017/bills/sb149p.htm>

⁷ <http://www.capitol.tn.gov/Bills/109/Bill/HB1840.pdf>

⁸ <http://www.legis.state.tx.us/tlodocs/85R/billtext/pdf/HB03859I.pdf>

⁹ https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160AB1887; <https://oag.ca.gov/ab1887>;
<https://oag.ca.gov/ab1887/faqs>