WHEREAS, the State of California will have a shortfall of one million college graduates by the year 2025 if nothing is done to increase the current production of baccalaureate degree holders;* and

WHEREAS, 41 percent of jobs will require at least a bachelor’s degree, but only 35 percent will have a college diploma;* and

WHEREAS, wages are higher and unemployment rates are much lower for California college graduates, and the gap is widening;* and

WHEREAS, the mission of Butte College is to prepare students for life-long learning through the mastery of basic skills, the achievement of degrees and certificates, and the pursuit of career and transfer pathways; and

WHEREAS, the vision of Butte College is to educationally, economically and culturally empower the communities we serve by helping students define and achieve success; and

WHEREAS, Butte College’s 2014-2019 Educational Master Plan first strategic initiative is Enhancing a Culture of Completion and Academic Achievement; and

WHEREAS, Butte College believes that community colleges are an invaluable economic engine driving the nation toward renewed and sustained economic prosperity; and

WHEREAS, community colleges can help fill the gaps in California’s higher education system by granting bachelor's degrees in a limited number of specific areas in order to meet a growing demand for a skilled workforce; and

WHEREAS, these baccalaureate programs will be limited and will not detract from the community colleges’ mission to advance California's economic growth and global competitiveness through education, training, and services that contribute to continuous workforce improvement, nor will the programs unnecessarily duplicate similar programs offered by nearby four-year institutions; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Butte-Glenn Community College District Board of Trustees supports legislation that authorizes and funds community colleges to voluntarily offer baccalaureate degrees that address critical workforce needs, meet the needs of underrepresented students, and avoid unnecessary duplication of degree programs in a region; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Butte-Glenn Community College District Board of Trustees encourages Chancellor Brice Harris and the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges to proceed with an ongoing dialogue with the California State University and the University of California on this opportunity while also
establishing collaboratively the criteria and processes for individual colleges to offer baccalaureate degrees.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Governing Board of the Butte-Glenn Community College District this 13th day of August, 2014, by the following vote:

**AYES:** Trustees Perez, Krepelka, Massa, McGinnis, Cecchi, McLaughlin

**NOES:** None

**ABSENT OR NOT VOTING:** Trustee Boeger, Student Trustee Napier

**SO ORDERED:**

Fred R. Perez
President, Board of Trustees

**ATTEST:**

Kimberly Perry, Ed.D.
Secretary, Board of Trustees