

**LANSING COMMUNITY COLLEGE
STATE OF MICHIGAN
PATRIOT ACT RESOLUTION**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Lansing Community College was held in the Herrmann Conference Center Complex, 520 North Capitol Avenue, Lansing, Michigan 48933, in the Community College district, on **May 17, 2004**, at 6:00 o'clock p.m., prevailing Eastern Time.

PRESENT: _____

ABSENT: _____

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Trustee _____ and supported by Trustee _____.

WHEREAS Lansing Community College supports all constitutional and lawful efforts to prevent and investigate terrorist or other criminal acts and the prosecution of their perpetrators;

WHEREAS Lansing Community College benefits greatly from the many contributions of its highly diverse population, which includes people from around the world who are vital to the College's unique character;

WHEREAS Lansing Community College can only prosper as an academic institution and can only grow and prosper in a free and open environment wherein every person is treated fairly and justly;

WHEREAS Lansing Community College, as an academic institution, is a center of free expression and public debate on all issues and a symbol of the rights of free speech, assembly, association, privacy, religion, and all other rights guaranteed by both the federal and state constitutions;

WHEREAS recent national and international events have raised concerns that constitutionally protected individual rights and freedoms may be sacrificed, ignored, or diminished in the interest of preserving public safety and security;

WHEREAS the investigation of acts must be conducted in a rational and deliberative fashion to ensure that all new security measures enhance public safety without impairing constitutional rights or infringing on academic or civil liberties;

WHEREAS Lansing Community College believes there is no inherent conflict between national security and the preservation of liberty;

WHEREAS Lansing Community College is proud of its long and distinguished tradition of protecting the civil rights and liberties of its students and staff, a diverse group including immigrants from many nations and ethnic and religious groups;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Lansing Community College:

1. Affirms its strong, ongoing support of fundamental constitutional rights and its opposition to measures that infringe on all civil liberties;
2. Supports all efforts to remain vigilant in respecting and protecting the dignity and constitutional rights of all persons;
3. Encourages all citizens, and especially all Lansing Community College staff and students, to study the state and U.S. Constitutions and their history and the Bill of Rights and its history so that each person can recognize and lawfully resist attempts to undermine our constitutional republic and our system of government;
4. Requests the Lansing Community College Library Director to direct all LCC libraries to post in a prominent place within the libraries, a notice as follows:

“WARNING: Under Section 215 of the federal USA Patriot Act (Public Law 107-56), records of books and other materials you borrow from this library may be obtained by federal agents. This law also prohibits librarians from informing you if records about you have been obtained by federal agents. Questions about this policy should be directed to Attorney General John Ashcroft, Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530.”

5. Requests that LCC administration provide notice to all individuals whose educational records have been obtained by law enforcement agents pursuant to Section 507 of the USA Patriot Act (Disclosure of Educational Records).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the LCC Administration urges the LCC Police Department and all other applicable departments, except when required by law, to refrain from:

1. utilizing race, religion, ethnicity, or national origin as factors in selecting which individuals to subject to investigative activities except when seeking to apprehend a specific subject whose race, religion, ethnicity, or national origin is part of the legitimate description of the suspect;

2. participating in a joint search of the property or residence with any law enforcement agency absent the assurance of a simultaneous notice of the execution of a search warrant to such member of Lansing Community College;
3. any practice of stopping drivers or pedestrians for the purpose of scrutinizing their identification documents without specific suspicion of criminal activity.

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: _____

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED:

Secretary, Board of Trustees
Lansing Community College

I hereby certify that the attached is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of Lansing Community College, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting on May 17, 2004, and that public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that minutes of the meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act 267.

Secretary, Board of Trustees
Lansing Community College

**LANSING COMMUNITY COLLEGE
STATE OF MICHIGAN
CIVIL RIGHTS INITIATIVE AMENDMENT RESOLUTION**

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PRESENT: _____

ABSENT: _____

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Trustee _____ and supported by Trustee _____.

Lansing Community College exists to serve the community and all its members. Therefore, it values the uniqueness of each person and is committed to creating an environment that supports equal opportunity for all students and employees. The U.S. Supreme Court's recent decision on diversity recognized *that inequality due to race or ethnicity still exists* and we must continue to support the value of ensuring that every person in Michigan has an opportunity to better herself or himself.

WHEREAS, assuring access to educational opportunity to all is a core value of our institution and community;

WHEREAS, diversity in our workforce and educational institutions benefits all citizens;

WHEREAS, discrimination still exists;

WHEREAS, the Civil Rights Initiative amendment misleads the electorate and destroys efforts and tools used to recruit and provide educational and employment opportunities for minorities and women;

WHEREAS, the civil rights initiative amendment eliminates diversity-based scholarships and will potentially divide people along racial lines, thereby diminishing years of positive cultural awareness and relationship building among ethnic and racial communities;

WHEREAS, businesses and labor organizations, religious groups, civic and community organizations and Republicans and Democrats have come together in opposition to this proposed amendment;

WHEREAS, a lengthy constitutional amendment will be divisive and have a number of unintended, adverse consequences;

THEREFORE, WE RESOLVE that we will continue to support equal opportunity and efforts to enhance cultural diversity at Lansing Community College and do not support any effort to amend the Michigan Constitution with the so-called civil rights initiative amendment.

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: _____

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