Whereas, the California Community Colleges (CCC) are committed to serving all students, regardless of their immigration status, and providing them with the support, resources, and opportunities to pursue their educational goals; and

Whereas, more than two million undocumented immigrants of all nationalities and backgrounds call California home, including more than 183,000 Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients; and

Whereas, the passage of Assembly Bill (AB) 540, signed into law on October 12, 2001, declared that long-term California residents, regardless of their citizenship status, may pay in-state fees at California public colleges and universities; and

Whereas, approximately 85,500 undocumented students, including 72,000 CCC students, benefit from AB 540 today; and

Whereas, the attempt to rescind DACA in 2017 caused a rise in political tensions and antagonistic views regarding immigrants and spurred the creation of the annual CCC Undocumented Student Action Week (USAW), focused on advocating for policy change and resources to better support our undocumented students; and

Whereas, the CCC must continue to combat persisting inequalities among this underserved population, develop pathways that foster access, equity, and inclusion, and advocate fiercely for the necessary policies and resources; therefore, be it

Resolved that the Yuba College Academic Senate fully embraces the ideals behind the creation of the California Community College Undocumented Student Action Week and affirms our support for college access, inclusion, community, and success for all undocumented students; and be it further

Resolved that the Yuba College Academic Senate recognizes October 12, 2022, as the 21st anniversary of AB 540 and recognizes October 17-21, 2022 as Undocumented Student Action Week; and be it further

Resolved that the Yuba College Academic Senate will work with the Yuba College Administration, the Associated Students of Yuba College, our counterparts at Woodland Community College, and the Yuba Community College District Administration to identify and cultivate policies, procedures, and best practices to support undocumented students in achieving their education goals and reaching their highest potential.