

**Carl Sandburg College**  
**Resolution**  
**President Obama's "American Graduation Initiative"**



**Whereas...** community colleges are the largest and fastest growing sector of higher education in the U.S., educating more than 45 percent of all undergraduate students as well as more than five million additional non-credit students; and

**Whereas...** there is a national consensus that the United States needs to provide greater numbers and percentages of its citizens with a higher education, as a moral, social, and economic imperative; and

**Whereas...** community colleges continue to need greater financial and related support as well as a new national focus, in order to fully realize their potential in helping more Americans obtain a college education and meet related career and personal goals; and

**Whereas...** President Obama has specifically set the goal of increasing the number of community college graduates by 5 million by 2020, along with ambitious national goals concerning postsecondary education; and

**Whereas...** President Obama's "America Graduation Initiative" recognizes the centrality of community colleges to America's well-being, and need for financial resources to help those institutions; and

**Now, therefore,** be it resolved that the Board of Directors of the Carl Sandburg College formally endorses the American Graduation Initiative and commits to doing everything it can to achieve its enactment.

**Adopted by the Board of Trustees**  
**this 27<sup>th</sup> Day of August 2009**

Jon A. Sibley, Sr., Chairperson