

**MARIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

RESOLUTION No. 5/18/10 B.12.a.2

**In Honor of Dr. Frances L. White,
Superintendent/President of the
Marin Community College District, 2004-2010**

Whereas, Dr. Frances L. White, a community college educator for 32 years, was appointed Superintendent/President of the Marin Community College District on April 20, 2004 and she has served as the consummate leader until her well deserved retirement on June 30, 2010.

Whereas, Dr. White has demonstrated throughout her career, her commitment to the mission of the community college and taken great care to always do what is best for students. She is herself a community college graduate and earned the associate degree in general education from Merritt College in Oakland, California.

Whereas, when Dr. White arrived at the College of Marin, the College was at difficult crossroads and in need of strong leadership. Very few people could have stepped into this environment and been successful. We were fortunate Dr. White came at this critical juncture and was able to bring about a significant change at the College campuses and a notable shift in the institutional culture.

Whereas, Dr. White played a unique role throughout her tenure at the College of Marin and she is rightfully credited with stabilizing a district once plagued by decades of declining enrollments, crumbling classrooms, financial instability, poor community connections, and on the brink of accreditation loss. She put a recovery plan in place, implemented strategic direction that is data driven and as noted by the 2007 Marin Civil Grand Jury report – hiring Dr. Fran White was one of the best things the Board of Trustees at the College of Marin has ever done in its 80 year history.

Whereas, Dr. White's tenure began within months of a Western Association of Schools & Colleges accreditation visit, which would lead to future accreditation sanctions. Due to unfinished matters existing well before her time, WASC placed the college on Warning and eventually Probation. Never shying away from the challenge, Dr. White provided the leadership and tenacity to keep the focus on the work required to respond to the issues raised by WASC. She launched a successful strategic planning process and supported the leadership of the Academic Senate as they developed and implemented Student Learning Outcomes and Program Review, all essential requirements for the institution to get off WASC probation. With her leadership in guiding the college through completion of what ultimately proved to be a five year accreditation process, College of Marin was not only taken off probation, but our Academic Senate leaders received statewide recognition for their work in implementing standards and procedures for Student Learning Outcomes and Program Review. In addition, Dr. White brought in administrative staff that positively affected the work standards of the District.

Whereas, within three weeks of starting as Superintendent/President, the Board of Trustees passed a resolution to place a county-wide facilities bond on the ballot. While many thought it wouldn't be possible to pass a county-wide bond, due in large part to Dr. White's work, Measure C Bond was successful and received broad community support. The facilities bond is making it possible for the College of Marin to use \$250 million for facilities modernization and new construction, which is creating newly designed and energy efficient, student-centered learning environments on both our Kentfield and Indian Valley campuses, as well as generating a 15% enrollment increase at the Kentfield campus and a 135% enrollment increase for the Indian Valley campus.

Whereas, Dr. White understands the importance of the Superintendent/President raising private funds for the College of Marin and Dr. White has been innovative in creating opportunities for friends of the college to support our mission work. Within a few months of being hired, Dr. White turned her attention to fundraising. She started what has grown to be a highly successful "President's Circle." The funds generated through its annual breakfast and other fundraising activities have supported new and innovative programs through the Education Excellence Innovation Fund as well as establishing a general fund budget reserve as high as 12%.

Whereas, Dr. White in her six year tenure has established that she is real, she is genuine, she is authentic and she brings a sense of joy to all that she does. It is truly a pleasure, delight and honor to know her and to work with her.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marin Community College District is forever indebted to Dr. Frances L. White for her outstanding service to the District and in appreciation of her dedication and commitment to the District and our students, the Board of Trustees of the Marin Community College District hereby bestows upon **Dr. Frances L. White the title of "Superintendent/President Emerita"**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be made part of the Official Minutes of the meeting and of the permanent files of the District.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
MARIN COUNTY)

I, _____, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 5/18/10 B.12.a.2 was duly adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Marin Community College District at a meeting thereof held on the 18th day of May, 2010 and that it was so adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

By: _____
Secretary of the Board of Trustees
of the Marin Community College District