



Respectfully submitted to the Board of Directors of California State University, Los Angeles, Associated Students, Inc.

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE MARCH 2ND NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION TO DEFEND PUBLIC EDUCATION

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WHEREAS, Associated Students, Inc. (A.S.I.) is the single recognized voice for over 20,000 students at California State University, Los Angeles (CSULA); and

WHEREAS, A.S.I. recognizes public education is a right and not a privilege and that the promise of free or affordable public higher education for all is one of the greatest democratic achievements in California's history; and

WHEREAS, the CSU System faces \$500 million in cuts and public higher education as a whole faces a \$1.4 billion cut from the Governor's proposed budget; and

WHEREAS, the proposed cuts are part of a history of systematic defunding of public education; and

WHEREAS, the proposed budget cuts represent a threat to students' right to a public education, particularly students of color, low-income students, and middle class students who face increased fees without the benefit of financial aid; and

WHEREAS, if the proposed budget cuts are passed, they will decrease socio-economic diversity and increase the inequity already present in higher education; and

WHEREAS, last year tens of thousands of students engaged in direct action against the budget cuts, endorsing strikes and days of action (including March 4, 2010) and are again ready to renew a commitment to the student advocacy coalition of the California Community Colleges, UC and CSU systems fighting together to protect funding for higher education; and

WHEREAS, A.S.I. is obligated to keep an ear to the interests of students and the movements students engage in and lead; and

WHEREAS, March 2, 2011 has been recognized as a Statewide Day of Action for public education at all levels; let it be

RESOLVED, that A.S.I. endorses the March 2nd Day of Action to Defend Public Education; and let it also be

RESOLVED, that A.S.I. pledges to take action to defend public education and advocate to stop the proposed budget cuts; and let it further be

RESOLVED, that A.S.I. stands in solidarity with all sectors of public education, including students, teachers, staff, and workers in the K-12 and higher education sectors who are fighting to defend the right to public higher education on the March 2nd National Day of Action to Defend Public Education; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be distributed widely, including, but not limited to CSULA President James M. Rosser, CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed; the CSU Board of Trustees, the California State Student Association, the CSULA University Times, California Governor Jerry Brown, and members of the California State Legislature to inform them of our commitment to take action to fight these budget cuts.