RESOLUTION NO. 25-14 Victor Valley Community College District Honoring Barstow Community College Trustee Fernando (Fred) Baca

WHEREAS, Fernando (Fred) Baca served as a member of the Governing Board of the Barstow Community College District from 1995 to 2024, contributing nearly three decades of dedicated leadership and steadfast commitment to student success and community advancement; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Baca has been a proud resident of Barstow, California since 1960 and an early student of Barstow Community College; and

WHEREAS, in his capacity as Trustee, Mr. Baca has held numerous leadership roles, including President, Vice President, Secretary, Foundation Representative, County Representative, and active member of key subcommittees including Budget/Planning, Legislative Relations, and Personnel/Policy; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Baca has served not only the College District but also the greater Barstow community through his civic involvement, including as a member of the Barstow Area Chamber of Commerce, a founding member and past President of New Hope Village, a member of the Mojave Valley Volunteer Hospice, the Optimist Club of Barstow, and the YMCA of Barstow; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Baca was recognized by the Barstow Area Chamber of Commerce with the prestigious honors of Man of the Year in 1994 and Small Business of the Year in 2006 for his outstanding community leadership and service; and

WHEREAS, during his 29-year tenure, Mr. Baca has been a prudent steward of the Barstow Community College District's fiscal integrity, consistently acting in the public's trust by implementing and monitoring Board Policy to support and maintain a strong fiscal reserve; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Board of the Victor Valley Community College District hereby extends its deepest appreciation and heartfelt thanks to Fernando (Fred) Baca for his exceptional service, leadership, and unwavering dedication to the mission of Barstow Community College; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be entered into the permanent minutes of the Governing Board of the Victor Valley Community College and a copy be presented to Mr. Baca as a token of the Board's enduring gratitude and admiration.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of August, 2025, by the Governing Board of the Victor Valley Community College District.

Dated: 8-12-21

Brandon Wood

President, Board of Trustees