

## **STATE OF WASHINGTON STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES RESOLUTION 23-05-18**

A resolution relating to honoring Gary Locke for his service to the people of Washington state and the United States of America.

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Locke has dedicated his life to public service locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally;

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Locke understood from a young age growing up in Seattle's Yesler Terrace the yearning of millions for freedom, opportunity, and equality;

**WHEREAS**, with this understanding, Mr. Locke was called early to public service, earning the rank of Eagle Scout, and later receiving the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award, a recognition given to an Eagle Scout for distinguished service in his profession and to the community for a period of at least 25 years after earning the rank;

**WHEREAS**, after earning a bachelor's degree from Yale University and a law degree from Boston University, he returned home to Washington to launch what would become an illustrious career spanning the globe;

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Locke worked as a deputy prosecutor for King County, member of the Washington State House of Representatives, executive of King County, governor of Washington State, Secretary of Commerce and Ambassador to China for the United States, before once again returning home to Washington and taking the helm as interim president of Bellevue College;

**WHEREAS**, throughout his life and career, Mr. Locke never forgot his guiding principles of freedom, opportunity, and equality, an ethos to which he calls others, challenging them to "commit ourselves to working together for a more peaceful, just, and loving world," as he did during his keynote address to the Eradicate Hate Global Summit in 2021;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges hereby honors Gary Locke for his years of service to the people of Bellevue College, Seattle, King County, Washington State, and the United States of America. The State Board offers its sincere thanks and best wishes.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** on 5/11/2023.

**Attest**



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Phyllis Gutiérrez Kenney, chair



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Paul Francis, secretary