



RESOLUTION NO. 2023-05
VENTURA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF DR. JULIUS O. SOKENU

WHEREAS, Dr. Julius O. Sokenu is the president of Moorpark College and has promoted student success and access through innovation and creative strategies; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Julius O. Sokenu joined the college as Dean of Student Learning in 2007 and in the following years has taken on increasing leadership roles as Executive Vice President, Vice President of Academic Affairs, President; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Julius O. Sokenu has nearly 30 years of extensive and progressive leadership experience in community college education with managerial oversight of instruction, student services, career technical education, noncredit programs, and community relations; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Julius O. Sokenu is involved in community service as a member of the City of Moorpark General Plan Advisory Committee and the Moorpark College Foundation, on the Executive Council of The American Heart Association of Ventura County, and formerly as a member of the East County Career Technical Education Leadership Council, Ventura County Adult Education Consortium, and South Central Coast Regional Consortium and Board member of the Boys and Girls Club of Moorpark; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Julius O. Sokenu is an alumnus of the VCLA cohort XXVI and a VCLA board member; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Julius O. Sokenu earned a Doctorate in Education, with an emphasis in Curriculum and Teaching, from Boston University, a Master of Fine Arts degree, with an emphasis in creative writing from Arizona State University, and Bachelor's degrees in English Creative Writing and Business Administration from the University of Southern California; and

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2023, Dr. Julius O. Sokenu was awarded the 2023 Educational Leader of the Year.

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Ventura County Community College District hereby recognizes Dr. Julius O. Sokenu as Educational Leader of the Year and thanks him for his faithful dedication to the students of Moorpark College.

Adopted this 9th day of May 2023.

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