

## **RESOLUTION**

Whereas, Illinois community colleges provide educational opportunity for more than one million residents; and

Whereas, state support for community colleges has decreased significantly, forcing local tax hikes and 73% tuition increases over the last decade; and

Whereas, community colleges are the economic engine for the Illinois workforce; and

Whereas, the leadership of the state's 39 community college districts pledge their support to increase state income taxes in order to maintain essential services and restore funding cuts;

Now therefore be it resolved, that the Illinois Community College Trustees Association supports an income tax increase that will address the needs of the residents of Illinois and to specifically restore critically needed funds for community colleges.

Adopted 4/28/09 by the ICCTA Board of Representatives