

**RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 59-19/20**

**COMMENDATION FOR RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
CHANCELLOR WOLDE-AB ISAAC, PH.D. FOR EXTRAORDINARY LEADERSHIP**

WHEREAS, Dr. Wolde-Ab Isaac (“Dr. Isaac”) began his post as Chancellor of the Riverside Community College District (“District”) on January 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Isaac came to the Chancellor post with more than 35 years of experience as an educator, faculty member, and administrator, including experience as Dean of Health Science at Moreno Valley College, Vice President of Academic Affairs at Riverside City College, and Riverside City College’s 11th president; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Isaac embraces collaboration through shared governance with District stakeholders and uses research-based evidence to support new initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Isaac demonstrated extraordinary leadership in working collaboratively with District stakeholders, in particular the three college Presidents and the Vice-Chancellors, to respond to the coronavirus (“COVID-19”) global pandemic in various ways; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, Dr. Isaac announced various protocols to enact social distancing in order to maintain continuity of instruction for students and to maintain District operations; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020 and March 13, 2020, Dr. Isaac announced plans to transition District classes to online/remote learning; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, Dr. Isaac announced the ceasing of all non-essential functions, in accordance with the Riverside County Public Health Official’s order to reduce the spread of COVID-19; and


WHEREAS, throughout March, 2020, Dr. Isaac led the transition of all District class instruction to online/remote learning, and provided faculty guidance on how to prepare for the transition and also facilitated scheduled trainings and support sessions for faculty to be ready to competently and professionally conduct online/remote instruction; and

WHEREAS, the District has suspended all travel and events until further notice in order to abide by state and county health directives and to protect the safety of students, faculty, and staff; and

WHEREAS, the District has constantly sent out information through a COVID-19-specific District website and various social media accounts regarding online/remote learning, picking up free meals, access to counseling and tutoring services, access to free internet services, and guidance to protect oneself against COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Isaac has worked tirelessly, meeting continuously, consistently, and at times endlessly from day to day with the three college Presidents and the Vice-Chancellors, in order for the District to continue providing quality instruction to its students and to protect the safety of its students, faculty, and staff.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Board of Trustees of the Riverside Community College District does hereby recognize, commend, and thank Dr. Wolde-Ab Isaac for his extraordinary leadership as Chancellor, generally, and specifically for his continued leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic, working collaboratively with District stakeholders to protect the interests of students, faculty, and staff, and doing so, as he has done in all of his endeavors as Chancellor, with integrity, honesty, fairness, sensitivity, wisdom, and a tireless work ethic.



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Passed and adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Riverside Community College District in Riverside, California, this 21st day of April, 2020

