

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE RIVERSIDE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT IN SUPPORT OF BLACK LIVES MATTER
AND RACIAL EQUALITY****RESOLUTION NO. 71-19/20**

WHEREAS, the Riverside Community College District through its three colleges —Moreno Valley College, Norco College and Riverside City College — serves and enriches its diverse communities by offering certificates, degrees and transfer programs that help students achieve their educational and career goals; and

WHEREAS, the District strives to impact the social and economic mobility of its students by ensuring access, success and equity for everyone who wishes to take advantage of the educational opportunities offered by the colleges; and

WHEREAS, the District respects the unique views of each individual and encourages civility, discussion of ideas and collaboration through non-violence; and

WHEREAS, on May 25, 2020, where recorded footage documented Mr. George Floyd, an African American in Minnesota, who was murdered while face down under the knee of a police officer displayed that is inconsistent with police protocol; and

WHEREAS, RCCD offers one of the oldest law enforcement academies in the state where, since 1953, RCCD continues to train the future and current law enforcement officers with best practices in accordance with the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training, which includes respect for diversity and cultural awareness evolution, and bias sensitivity training; and

WHEREAS, the killing of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor at the hands of the police, the killing of Ahmaud Arbery at the hands of vigilantes and the ongoing racial injustice that continues to occur throughout the country, states and local communities; has sparked meaningful expressions of pain, frustration and anger, and

WHEREAS, from the founding of this country it has been routinely, unjustly, and systematically perpetuated that certain groups have had no value or worth and are not recognized for who they are as individuals and contributing members of society; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the RCCD Board of Trustees adds their voice to those calling for justice in this circumstance and reform of police practices and the criminal justice system;

RESOLVED that the importance of upholding the equity and respect for all of its students, staff and faculty – full-time and part-time – and highlight their value and worth to the future of our community and country;

RESOLVED that RCCD increase support and utilization for the Center for Social Justice and Civil Liberties a museum, archive and educational center operated by the District dedicated to catalyzing an ongoing dialogue on historical and contemporary social issues through dynamic exhibits and community participation.

RESOLVED to support the raising of public awareness of these injustices and work with state and local elected officials who will make changes to these outdated laws that encourage inequities. And further implement an increase in training that addresses the cultural diversity of the District's communities and the need to engage in anti-racism.

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Riverside Community College District supports the Black Lives Matter movement and racial equality.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 16th day of June 2020, at the regular meeting of the Riverside Community College District Board of Trustees.



President of Board of Trustees
Riverside Community College District