

**RESOLUTION 19-26**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE**  
**MT. SAN ANTONIO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**  
**DENOUNCING XENOPHOBIA AND ANTI-ASIAN SENTIMENT ARISING DUE TO**  
**FEARS OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND AFFIRMING MT. SAN ANTONIO**  
**COLLEGE'S COMMITMENT TO THE WELL-BEING AND SAFETY OF ASIAN-**  
**PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITIES**

**WHEREAS**, Asian-Pacific Islander communities are suffering acts of discrimination, hate crimes, and microaggressions due to fears of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, since the December 2019 outbreak of the COVID-19 virus in Wuhan, China, the infection has grown to nearly three million confirmed cases worldwide; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the World Health Organization, more than 983,457 cases have been reported in the United States as of April 29, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, some national leaders have used divisive and inflammatory rhetoric, referring at times to the COVID-19 virus as the "Chinese virus," and "Kung-Flu"; and

**WHEREAS**, such rhetoric is inaccurate and stigmatizing, tends to incite fear and xenophobia, and may put Asian-Pacific Islanders at risk of retaliation; and

**WHEREAS**, scientists have confirmed that the COVID-19 disease does not respect borders and is not caused by ethnicity, and the World Health Organization has cautioned against using geographic descriptors because they can fuel ethnic discrimination; and

**WHEREAS**, as the COVID-19 virus has spread, numerous Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have reported experiencing microaggressions, racial profiling, hate incidents and, in some cases, hate violence; and

**WHEREAS**, at Mt. San Antonio Community College District, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders make up nearly 23% of our student population, 17% of our employee population, and almost 16% of the population of Los Angeles County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mt. San Antonio Community College District Board of Trustees wishes to affirm its commitment to the well-being and safety of Asian-Pacific Islander community members and ensure they know they are not alone and that they can speak out to help stop the spread of bigotry; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Trustees of Mt. San Antonio Community College District denounces xenophobia and anti-Asian sentiment and does not support the rhetoric and racist remarks of some national leaders regarding the COVID-19 virus. The District joins fellow community colleges, cities, counties, and states across the country in affirming its commitment to the safety and well-being of Asian

Americans and Pacific Islanders and in combating hate crimes targeting Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

The foregoing resolution was considered, passed, and adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Mt. San Antonio Community College District this 13th day of May 2020.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

I, William T. Scroggins, Secretary of the Governing Board of the Mt. San Antonio Community College District, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution adopted by said Board at a regularly called and conducted meeting held on said date.

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William T. Scroggins  
College President/CEO and Secretary, Governing Board  
Mt. San Antonio Community College District