



**MONROVIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 1920-25
RESOLUTION DENOUNCING RACISM AND
DISCRIMINATORY ACTS IN AMERICA AND
AFFIRM MUSD'S COMMITMENT TO
TOLERANCE, UNDERSTANDING, AND
DIVERSITY IN SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, the Monrovia Unified School District is committed to providing all students with a world-class education; and

WHEREAS, a world-class education requires an understanding and appreciation for all people in our world; and

WHEREAS, educational institutions remain the bedrock of every democracy; and

WHEREAS, an educated and informed citizenry embraces the diversity within this country; and

WHEREAS, history chronicles events during which mankind committed unspeakable horrors upon their fellow man including slavery and the slave trade creating, in our nation, historically disparate treatment of African Americans that continues to the present day; and

WHEREAS, The extrajudicial killing of Black people in this country has deep roots in the dehumanizing system of white supremacy that once defined Black bodies as property and persisted in the form of lynchings during the 100 years of Jim Crow; and

WHEREAS, We, as educators, concur with W.E.B. Du Bois, "The teachers of Black youth must believe in them. They must have faith in them and their community. They must trust them and encourage them and defend them." Our schools and classrooms must be safe spaces for dialogue and support on the issues raised by the Black Lives Matter movement and the efforts to reverse the school-to-prison pipeline; and

WHEREAS, the California State Framework, requires inclusive and respectful representations of our diverse ethnic and cultural populations in the K-12 grade history and social studies curriculum; and

WHEREAS, the MUSD Board of Education has, each year since 2014 and as recently as April 22, 2020, passed a resolution condemning man's inhumanity to man citing the Armenian Genocide, the Holocaust, the Rwandan Genocide, and the atrocities perpetrated by ISIL against religious and ethnic minorities in Iraq and Syria as only four examples from recent history that depict the atrocities committed by man; and

WHEREAS, one of the most effective ways to reverse their progression of racism that results in violence and, finally, genocide, is the cultivation of a robust democracy, which inherently protects against the targeting of and aggression against people based on ethnicity, color, gender identity or expression, faith, immigration status, mental or physical disability, or any other trait; and



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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in furthering its commitment to a healthy democracy, the Governing Board of the Monrovia Unified School District voices its opposition to all forms of racism, discriminatory actions, and the incitement of violence;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Governing Board of the Monrovia Unified School District affirms its commitment to the teaching of tolerance, understanding, and the appreciation of the diversity in our schools and community.

Signed by the Monrovia Unified School District Governing Board of Education, this 10th, day of June, 2020:

Rob Hammond, President

Bryan J. Wong, Vice President

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Katherine F. Thorossian, Superintendent