The Board of Trustees of the Riverside Community College District Acknowledges Courageous and Remarkable Actions by District Faculty, Classified Professionals, and Administrators in Midst of Coronavirus/COVID-19 Crisis Resolution No. 61-19/20

WHEREAS, along with the rest of the country and world, Riverside Community College District employees have been impacted by the Coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic including disruption of their lives both at work and at home; and

WHEREAS, as one of Riverside's largest employers, the District took quick action to close all campus facilities and campuses and with the transition to online instruction and remote operations, seamlessly; and

WHEREAS, District faculty, classified professionals, and administrators recognize their important role in helping to identify solutions and stop the spread of the virus through social distancing, multimedia communications, and other safe health practices; and

WHEREAS, District employees continue to be deeply committed to our students by prioritizing their academic success, safety, welfare and future; and

WHEREAS, faculty members at Moreno Valley, Norco and Riverside City colleges, and Continuing Education rapidly converted thousands of courses to alternative modes of instruction to ensure students can continue their studies and make academic progress towards their educational goals in spite of an unprecedented worldwide pandemic; and

WHEREAS, District employees reacted swiftly to ensure that, in spite of a closure of all District campuses and facilities, essential student services such as counseling, tutoring, and information on student loans/grants are continued and that students have the support they need to transition to online and other remote formats – including low-income students and other traditionally underrepresented students who could be impacted disproportionally; and

WHEREAS, in spite of the crisis, the Riverside Community College District continues to work closely with federal, state, county, city and community partners such as Riverside Community College Foundation board, and others to ensure students' basic needs are met;

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that the Riverside Community College District Board of Trustees officially acknowledges the many outstanding contributions of its faculty, classified professionals, administrators and community support systems in response to the Coronavirus/COVID-19 crisis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Riverside Community College District Board of Trustees thanks all who have assisted in the effective handling of the COVID-19 crisis to ensure the health and safety of the District community, as well the continuity of the District's mission in support of the Inland Empire communities.

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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.

Wolde-Ab Isaac, Ph.D., Chancellor

