BEFORE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE COMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

RESOLUTION #04-20-2021A CONDEMNING THE RECENT SURGE IN HATE CRIMES TARGETING ASIAN AMERICANS AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS (AAPI)

WHEREAS, on June 16, 2020, the Compton Community College District Board of Trustees passed Resolution #06-16-2020F, Affiring Compton Community College District Commitment to Faculty and Staff Diversity; and

WHEREAS, between March 19 and December 31, 2020, <u>Stop AAPI Hate</u>, which tracks hate crimes and hate incidents against Asian Americans, reported 245 incidents of hate in Los Angeles County against Asian Americans between March 19 and Oct. 28, 2020. The group received 2808 reported incidents of racism and discrimination targeting Asian Americans across the U.S., including incidents of verbal harassment, shunning, denial of access to services and public spaces, and physical assault, while experts consider the true number of incidents to be much higher due to underreporting; and

WHEREAS, a <u>United Nations report</u> released last August correlated a documented rise in attacks against Asian Americans to former President Donald Trump's seeming legitimization and normalization of racism and xenophobia against people from China, especially during the current global pandemic, through the use of inflammatory rhetoric including referring to COVID-19 publicy as the "Chinese Virus" and "Kung Flu;" and

WHEREAS, despite a new Presidential Administration in office since January 20, incidents of hate crimes against Asian Americans have continued, including a recent surge in reported attacks across the State of California, some notable for their violence and cruelty; and

WHEREAS, the recent rise of violence against Asian Americans is part of a larger history of violence against communities of color, and we must work together to create community-centered solutions that stop the violence in all communities; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles County has the largest Asian population of any county in the U.S.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Compton Community College District Board of Trustees, hereby stands with the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community and calls on all citizens and leaders to join us in condemning racism against Asian Americans in all forms, defend and protect those targets, and punish those who commit hate crimes against AAPI members of our community; and be it further

RESOLVED that we are united in our commitment to equity and justice for all in affirming and celebrating their diversity.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, the Resolution #04-20-2021A Condemning the Recent Surge of Hate Crimes Targeting Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) was adopted and confirmed by the Governing Board of the Compton Community College District of Los Angeles County, on April 20, 2021.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Sonia Lopez, President Compton Community College District Board of Trustees

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct transcript of a resolution duly adopted by the Governing Board named therein at a duly constituted meeting of said Governing Board held on Tuesday April 20, 2021, as it appears upon the minutes of the said meeting on April 20, 2021.

Keith Curry, Ed.D., Secretary to the Governing Board Compton Community College District