



## **Senate Resolution 2020-2021** **Chosen Name at Modesto Junior College**

**Whereas**, The California Community College's "mission and vision of the California Community Colleges" is "putting students first", and

**Whereas**, The YCCD mission statement states, "the Yosemite Community College District is committed to responding to the needs of our diverse community through excellence in teaching, learning and support programs contributing to social, cultural, and economic development and wellness", and

**Whereas**, MJC's mission statement states, "we provide a dynamic, innovative, undergraduate educational environment for the ever-changing populations and workforce needs of our regional community", and

**Whereas**, The ASMJC mission statement states, "to create cultural and ethnic awareness on campus and in the community; to ensure that all students voices are heard; to promote respect regardless of race, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, or gender", and

**Noting**, that ASMJC defines diversity as the understanding that each individual is unique, and recognizing our individual differences. These can be along the dimensions of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, age, physical abilities, religious beliefs, political beliefs, or other ideologies, and

**Adding**, that there is a large portion of MJC students that are from the LGBTQ+ community, and may have a chosen name, different from that assigned at birth, that makes these students feel safe on campus, and

**Emphasizing**, that as of January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020, California has enacted AB 2023 requiring California Community Colleges to use the "preferred names" of their students, and

**Adding**, that the use of a student's chosen name shows respect, support, and acceptance to the LGBTQ+ students and community, and

**Noting**, that the students also have the support of Academic Senate as they have a Preferred Name Recognition that was approved in September of 2020 Resolution stating, "30 Community Colleges have a Preferred Name Process", and "the Academic Senate will help promote the process for preferred name and pronoun in Canvas until Datatel is in place", and

**Adding**, that this will also benefit for some individuals, such as international students who use an "Americanized" name or individuals who use a nickname such as a shortened version of their legal name, and

**Stressing**, ASMJC is committed to representing, welcoming, and being inclusive for ALL who attend or visit our college, and

**Emphasizing**, ASMJC is a student driven, student lead organization and encourages diversity, cultural awareness, and open mindedness as ASMJC has served, is serving, and will continue to serve students that will be affected by having the ability to display their chosen name in places such as the class roster, Canvas, Datatel database, Starfish, student emails, student ID cards, SARS, and most importantly their degree or certificate, and

**Mindful**, by encouraging diversity, cultural awareness, and open mindedness we help our student body prepare for the diversity that is to come when they transfer, and or go into the workforce furthering the purpose of California Community Colleges, and

**Furthermore**, our continued desire to serve evolving and changing student body ASMJC strives to continue doing research, hearing our student's needs and concerns, and including every student's background in everything we do, be it

**Resolved**, The Associated Students of Modesto Junior College fully, unanimously, and whole-heartedly support the Modesto Junior College implementation of a Chosen Name Policy for the student body. Additionally, we respectfully ask that the Yosemite Community College District and Modesto Junior College understand, acknowledge, and continue to fully support the policies, conferences, and activities that focus on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, age, physical abilities, religious beliefs, political beliefs, or other ideologies, and most importantly, students.

**Approved** on April 16, 2021

Yays – 9

Nays – 0