



## Senate Resolution 2020-2021

### Support for Undocumented Students at Modesto Junior College

**Whereas**, The California Community College “Vision for Success” states, “Our vision is to the point: making sure students from all backgrounds succeed in reaching their goals and improving their families and communities”, 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**, 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

**Whereas**, there are an estimated 4,000 undocumented students enrolled in the 10-campus UC system, about 9,500 at California State University's 23 campuses and about 50,000 to 70,000 in the state's 115 community colleges. About half of those students are estimated to have DACA status.

**Whereas**, the members of ASMJC wholeheartedly supports the California Dream Act allowing students who meet certain requirements to apply for and receive state financial aid at California public and private colleges and private scholarships administered by California public colleges including: eligibility for assistance from EOP&S, CARE and CalWorks; Fee Waivers, and Cal Grants

**Noting**, that as of 2018, California has had the largest number of immigrants and the fastest growth of immigrant population

**Emphasizing**, that MJC is a Hispanic serving institution and that students of color make up nearly 70% of the student body

**Emphasizing**, ASMJC believes all people have the right to access quality higher education. College-bound undocumented students are courageous, resilient and resourceful. They often work to pay for school and help their families. Many have lived in California for most of their life and attended elementary, middle or high school in the United States.

**Mindful**, ASMJC is a student driven, student lead organization and encourage anybody and everybody who has the desire to better their life by obtaining education whether it is through a degree or a trade, 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 diverse student body. Additionally, we respectfully ask that the Yosemite Community College District and Modesto Junior College understand, acknowledge, and continue to fully support all students who attend MJC including our undocumented student population.

**Approved** on April 2, 2021

Yays – 11

Nays – 0