

RESOLUTION

The Board of Trustees of the Madison Area Technical College District denounces systemic racism in all its forms and affirms the District’s commitment to Black students and all students of color who have been subject to overt and passive forms of racism. Furthermore, the Board re-affirms the mission of this college to serve the evolving needs of all of our diverse communities.

Whereas, the Madison Area Technical College District strives to develop people who will practice and uphold the American ideal of equal justice under the law for *all* people, including Black Americans; and

Whereas, the killing of George Floyd was one of the most recent acts of state violence against unarmed Black Americans; and

Whereas, the killing of George Floyd comes in the after-math of the senseless killings of Black Americans Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and Tony Robinson; and

Whereas, throughout the entirety of our nation’s history, Black lives have been devalued; and

Whereas, the American justice system, and other societal systems, do not recognize and understand the experience, fate, and culture of those that have been disenfranchised, depriving Black communities of access to quality housing, healthcare, education, and employment; compelling questions of equal application of justice and equal opportunity to life, liberty, and property for *all*; and

Whereas, systemic racism has led to disparate educational and employment outcomes for Black Americans in our District; and

Whereas, the killing of George Floyd has renewed and amplified the calls for justice for Black Americans and an end to the various forms of violence and systemic racism that exist; and

Whereas, systemic racism is a continuing threat to Black Americans and other people of color that is not acceptable and can no longer be tolerated;

Now Be It Resolved, that the Madison Area Technical College District Board hereby proclaims that Black lives matter; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the District will affirm its commitment to the value of Black lives by working alongside of those in the struggle to dismantle systemic racism that exists in our educational institutions, including Madison Area Technical College; and

Be It Further Resolved, that this effort needs the participation and active involvement of White people; and

Be It Finally Resolved, that Madison Area Technical College will advance and implement sustainable systems and practices that prepare and support *all* students with their development and growth.

Resolution adopted by the Madison Area Technical College District Board at its meeting on July 13, 2020



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