



# Associated Students

## Resolution 9

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**Whereas:** Since the 2016 United States Presidential Election, various minority groups throughout the United States have seen an increase in tragically hateful, and at times violent rhetoric on a social and a political level. This rhetoric from the highest levels of governmental office has targeted immigrants, LGBTQ+, people of color (POC), and Muslim minority groups throughout the United States. Most importantly, the Mt. San Antonio College (Mt. SAC) community needs to know that if their social group, classmate, or themselves are ever targeted, the school will provide protection, help, and stand in solidarity with all of the students regardless of their faith, immigration status, or affiliations;

**Whereas:** In light of recent events that have seen this rhetoric come to practice, namely the ChristChurch shooting in New Zealand on March 15, 2019, where Muslim citizens were targeted, resulting in the death of 50 men, women, and children. This event further extended to the Mt. SAC Muslim population. Members of the Muslim community, therein being students of Mt. SAC, have expressed fear, anger, isolation, and concern about their safety as a result of their religious affiliation. These feelings lead these students to be distracted from being able to effectively carry out their academic duties and therefore fail in accomplishing their academic goals. While the Mt. SAC Muslim Community was facing the after effects of the ChristChurch shooting, help was not provided to them. The school as a whole did not release a statement on being in solidarity with students adhering to the Islamic Faith;

**Whereas:** The mission statement of Mt. San Antonio College states that it will “support all students in achieving their educational goals.” Moreover, the Constitution of the Mt. San Antonio College Associated Students states that this body “serves to promote and protect the diverse needs of the student population, [and] enhance awareness of student concerns,” and that this body shall serve “as a voice and advocate for student issues.”

**Whereas:**

Mt. San Antonio College as a whole reaffirms its duty and responsibility to its faculty and students to foster an academic and social environment on campus that is diverse, accepting, inclusive and safe for all of its members, regardless of faith, background or orientation, free from discrimination, bullying, harassment, and fear. Mt. SAC should henceforth ensure that any acts of terrorism carried out in the United States or around the world, that is based on ideas of racism, hatred, intolerance, and bigotry, and affects any minority group that attends this college will be condemned. The office of the Vice President of Student Services should send out a letter of solidarity via email and provide inside and outside resources to all the Mt. SAC community members being effected by current major events in and out of campus to ensure the Mt. SAC Community that no matter what happens, the campus will make sure that they are protected and most importantly that there is help for them;

**Therefore:**

Be it resolved, that the A.S. Senate, the A.S. Executive Board, and the A.S. President approve Solidarity for the minorities groups.

<b>A.S. Senate</b>			
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<b>A.S. Executive Board</b>			
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<b>A.S. President</b>			
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