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Resolution in Support of Moorpark College Armenian Students during the Conflict in Artsakh

WHEREAS, the Associated Students of Moorpark College (ASMC) Board of Directors condemns the violence toward the Armenian people by Azerbaijan aided by Turkey and recognizes the Armenia-Azerbaijan conflict as unethical and inhumane;

WHEREAS, recognizing that the Armenia-Azerbaijan conflict is an ethnic cleansing of the Armenian people, a humanitarian crisis, and a geopolitical conflict that involves multiple terrorist attacks and countries' interests in cultural, political and territorial expansion;

WHEREAS, the Armenia-Azerbaijan conflict recalls the past injustices that the Armenian people have suffered, which has been repeated since the 1915 Armenian Genocide;

WHEREAS, the ASMC Board of Directors is conscious of the numerous efforts by its Armenian students to bring awareness and humanitarian relief through educational content, civic engagement, and fundraising;

WHEREAS, the ASMC Board of Directors commends the Armenian Students Association on its initiatives, including its call upon people to go to www.anca.org/alert to urge their legislative representatives to condemn Azerbaijan for its aggressive actions, and its encouragement of people to donate to Armenia Fund, which provides humanitarian aid;

WHEREAS, the Moorpark College Vision statement pledges a commitment to "nurture a civically-minded campus dedicated to engaging and improving our community and democratic republic through a culture of civil discourse and practice";

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Associated Students of Moorpark College is to "serve the individual and collective needs of the students of Moorpark College";

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in order to demonstrate support of and commitment to its

Armenian-American students, the ASMC Board of Directors calls upon Moorpark College to use its resources to bring awareness to this humanitarian issue;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the ASMC Board of Directors calls upon Moorpark College to educate its student body on the Armenia-Azerbaijan conflict through various means such as forums and webinars, and to amplify the voices of students, faculty and staff of Armenian heritage;

BE IT ENACTED, the ASMC Board of Directors will assist its Armenian-American students and its Armenian-American community by using its time, energy, and resources;

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that the ASMC Board of Directors advocate for our Armenian-American students, amplify the voices of students, faculty and staff of Armenian heritage, and pledge to provide a safe environment where affected students can openly discuss their traumas and experiences.

Date Adopted: October 20, 2020

Board Vote: 10-0-0; passed unanimously



David Katz, President
ASMC Board of Directors



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