

**Peralta Community College District  
Resolution No. 19/20-09**

**Resolution Urging Senate Approval of the FUTURE Act**

**WHEREAS**, the Peralta Community College District, made up of Laney College, Merritt College, College of Alameda, and Berkeley City College (“District”) embraces the diversity of our students; and

**WHEREAS**, 89% of the students enrolled at Laney College are minority community members, 83% of the student enrolled at Merritt College are minority community members, 87% of the student enrolled at College of Alameda are minority community members and 74% of the students enrolled at Berkeley City College are minority community members; and

**WHEREAS**, Merritt College is designated a Predominantly Black Institution (PBI); and

**WHEREAS**, Laney College, Merritt College, College of Alameda, and Berkeley City College have been designated as Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institutions (AANAPISI) and as such have been the recipients of federal funding; and

**WHEREAS**, research has confirmed the positive impact that federal funding of minority serving institutions has had on low-income Asian American, Native American, Pacific Islander, Hispanic-American, and African-American students, especially those who are the first in their families to attend college; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 17, 2019 the United States House of Representatives voted to pass H.R. 2486, the FUTURE Act, which will continue federal funding for minority-serving institutions leaving implementation of said FUTURE Act up to the United States Senate; and

**WHEREAS**, the current federal funding for minority-serving institutions is scheduled to end on September 30, 2019, unless the United States Senate votes to pass the FUTURE Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the elimination of federal funding for minority-serving institutions will had an adverse impact upon the services Peralta Community College District has provided to students of color, low-income, first-generation, and limited-English proficient students,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Peralta Community College District Board of Trustees strongly supports the uninterrupted continuation of federal funding to minority-serving institutions and urges members of the United States Senate to take speedy action to pass H.R. 2486, the FUTURE Act prior to September 30, 2019.

Affirmed and adopted this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019

Yea: 7

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

  
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(signature, Board Clerk)