# Washington Association of Community and Technical Colleges
# Board of Presidents

**WACTC**

## Resolution Denouncing Violence against Blacks in America
## In support of Black Students, Faculty, Staff, and Communities

**WHEREAS**, the Washington Association of Community Technical Colleges represent a group of Presidents and Chancellors of Washington community and technical colleges with a mission of serving a diverse student body;

**WHEREAS**, the violence against Blacks continues to escalate in America with too many senseless deaths including Trayvon Martin in Florida, Michael Brown in Missouri, Sandra Bland in Texas , Eric Garner in New York, Breonna Taylor in Kentucky, Ahmaud Arbery in Georgia and now George Floyd in Minnesota;

**WHEREAS**, Black students, staff and faculty in our Washington community and technical colleges are traumatized by the relentless violence against members of their community, and are under constant threat of anti-Black actions such as calling the police on Black people while barbequing in the park, selling water on the street, or birdwatching;

**WHEREAS**, the State Board for Community and Technical College Board has committed to leading with racial equity and advancing racial, social and economic justice in service to our diverse communities;

**WHEREAS**, as Presidents and Chancellors we are deeply disturbed by the persistent and pervasive structural racism that enables the violence against Black communities to continue unchecked;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Washington Association of Community and Technical Colleges stands against the structural racism that has emboldened and enabled killings of Black people by citizens and police throughout America.  We commit our system to the development of an action plan to dismantle systemic injustices against Black Americans and other historically marginalized groups.  We commit our campuses to working collectively with allies to combat and disrupt the hate and violence against Black people in our communities.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** on June 5, 2020.