



Student Government Association

A resolution advocating for the observance of Martin Luther King Day as an annual academic holiday at Jackson College

Resolution: #1920-01

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WHEREAS, the Jackson College Student Government Association seeks to be inclusive of all students and promote equity on all Jackson College campuses;

WHEREAS, MLK day serves as a day to remember the sacrifices made by MLK and the observation of this day will promote equity, recognition and harmony for Jackson College students and staff;

WHEREAS, dual enrolled Jackson College students are often left to wonder why their high school observes MLK Day but they have college class;

WHEREAS, MLK Day is a holiday that is observed across the state of Michigan including at 16 of the 28 member schools of the Michigan Community College Association;

WHEREAS, MLK Day is a holiday that is observed across the country including at 15 of the 18 board members schools of the League for Innovation in the Community College;

WHEREAS, MLK day is worthy of equal observance currently followed on other federal holidays such as Labor Day, Memorial Day, Christmas Day, New Years, and Independence Day;

WHEREAS, this is a continuing student recommendation, a similar resolution was passed in 2017- 2018, showing that this remains a student priority;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we the members of the Student Government Association recommend that Jackson College observe Martin Luther King Day as an annual academic holiday;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we the members of the Student Government Association recommend that MLK Day be observed as an annual holiday for all non-essential JC staff, across all JC campuses;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the observance of this annual academic and employee holiday begin on January 18, 2021.