

RESOLUTION

Recognition of the 2020 MLK Celebration “Rise Up Against Injustice”

WHEREAS, the 34th annual MLK Celebration celebrated the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., with encouragement for the Eastern community as it takes action to seek true justice across races, gender identities, cultures and socioeconomic strata; and,

WHEREAS, Eastern was honored to welcome keynote speaker Terrence J. Roberts, Ph.D., one of the “Little Rock Nine,” who spoke about the need to seek out and speak the truth, and the importance of lifelong learning;

WHEREAS, Governor Gretchen Whitmer was awarded the Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award in honor of her lifelong dedication to the State of Michigan, as she advocates for diversity in state government and equal pay for equal work, and works for a stronger Michigan for all; and,

WHEREAS, as recognition for their commitment to promote respect, understanding, and acceptance, EMU undergraduate student Allannah Serenity Morales received the Evans-Strand Diversity Award and undergraduate student Kyra Mitchell received the Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship award.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents congratulates committee co-chairs Ellen Gold, Steven Bryant, and Doris Fields, the MLK Celebration Planning Committee, and all who contributed to the celebration, and encourages the entire campus community to continue to support Eastern’s commitment to inclusion, diversity, equity, and equality.

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