



COLLEGE OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS
BOARD RESOLUTION – NO: 2019- 001
“A RESOLUTION RESPONDING TO THE BIGOTRY FACED BY MARSHALLESE STUDENTS IN HAWAII”

WHEREAS,

- A. Marshallese students are the targets of bigotry in Hawai'i and other communities;
- B. Marshallese students, even CMI graduates, often become menial laborers in hazardous and unfair conditions;
- C. The Government of the United States of America (USA) and the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) have affirmed *that their Governments and their relationship as Governments are founded upon respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all* (Compact of Free Association, Preamble)
- D. *Education shall be directed to the full development of the human personality and to the strengthening of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. It shall promote understanding, tolerance and friendship among all nations, racial or religious groups....* (United Nations Declaration of Human Rights Article 26.2);
- E. *Indigenous peoples [such as our students] have the right to the dignity and diversity of their cultures, traditions, histories and aspirations which shall be appropriately reflected in education and public information.* (United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Article 15.1);
- F. *States [such as the RMI and USA] shall take effective measures, in consultation and cooperation with the indigenous peoples concerned, to combat prejudice and eliminate discrimination and to promote tolerance, understanding and good relations among indigenous peoples and all other segments of society.* (United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Article 15.1);
- G. we seek these ends through education, together with all educators;
- H. sea level rise poses an imminent threat to our students' ability to remain in their homelands;
- I. we live in a world already dramatically changed by the Web;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. we teach 21st century skills based on the economies of the international communities in which our students reside;
- B. we teach arts, fine and performing, to explore the heart, mind, and soul for our shared feelings, beliefs, and aspirations;
- C. we teach the technical and critical skills of learning and publishing on the Web;
- D. we teach our students their rights and freedoms, as human beings, indigenous persons, and national citizens;
- E. we integrate these topics into core skills of academics;
- F. we promote the production and exhibition of our students' work on the issue of bigotry;
- G. we record and condemn episodes of bigotry on the public record as a College: students, faculty, staff, and administration;
- H. we encourage our fellow educators, at all levels, and in all schools, to do likewise.

I, Benjamin Chutaro, Chairman of the Board of the College of the Marshall Islands, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at the meeting of the Boards College of the Marshall Islands on 2/14/19 at which a quorum was present and voted.



Benjamin Chutaro
Chairman
College of the Marshall Islands