



Senate Resolution 2020-09
Modesto Junior College Graduation
Ceremony

Whereas, members of ASMJC understand all circumstances surrounding the impact of COVID-19 on the country, on our community, and our college, and

Recognizing, that ASMJC fully supports, is thankful, and proud of all COVID-19 related decisions made by YCCD and MJC leadership, and

Acknowledging, the appreciation and sincere gratitude for MJC President Dr. James Houpis, Vice President of Student Services Florida Arias, Vice President of Instruction Jennifer Zellet, Vice President of College & Administrative Services Sarah Schrader, and other members of MJC's leadership team, and

Stressing, that the impact of COVID-19 extends far beyond the classroom for the students of MJC, and

Emphasizing, that the students of MJC have had field trips, sporting events, conferences and many other activities canceled because of COVID-19 and

Mindful, that it may be some time before students can return to campus and hold events, and

Mindful, that members of ASMJC have spoken with hundreds of students, including to 2019-2020 ASMJC members, regarding their views on graduation, and

Acknowledging, many other colleges including but not limited to San Jose State University, UC Merced and Fresno City College will each be having virtual ceremony for their graduates, and

Emphasizing, with a virtual graduations it could allow more families to participate, and

Further stressing, that graduation is a rite of passage and an earned accomplishment for our students, and be it

Resolved, The current Associated Students of Modesto Junior College respectfully requests that MJC considers an alternative form of a graduation ceremony. That MJC's graduation ceremony will be held virtually to ensure the safety of all students.