LOVE AND ACCEPTANCE RESOLUTION

PHOENIX UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, Phoenix Union High School District is proud to serve nearly 28,000 beautiful young men and women who speak 74 different languages, are multi-lingual, multi-cultural, and have limitless potential to thrive and contribute to the prosperity and well-being of others and the economy; and nearly all live at or below the federal poverty line;

WHEREAS, Phoenix Union, in serving such a diverse population of learners, is committed to excellence and equity for ALL students;

WHEREAS, current national story lines such as the election, the movement for Black lives, the fierce divide on transgender rights, the political rhetoric surrounding immigration, the threats against religious communities, and the many headlines that crowd social and traditional media, affect students and their families;

WHEREAS, neither an election season nor any subsequent policy changes will ever cause the District to waver in its commitment and belief in each and every student that passes through a gate or over a threshold of a Phoenix Union campus or classroom;

WHEREAS, Phoenix Union values all lives equally – black lives, brown lives, disabled lives, undocumented lives, LGBT lives, gifted lives, refugee lives, female lives and any other category or subgroup or demographic that may be stigmatized; will love and accept everyone; will create a warm and welcoming learning environment for all students; and will find ways to engage them in meaningful academics, arts, athletics, and activities that develop in them the necessary skills and attributes to play an important role in this democracy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Phoenix Union High School District No. 210 Governing Board (hereafter "District") commits to continuing to strengthen and implement processes that authentically raise up student voice; working together side by side and with all stakeholders to address issues of race, poverty, discrimination, and hate; standing behind the District's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients and DREAMers regardless of changes in the law or policy; continuing to work with community, city, state, and national leaders to create opportunities for its DACA and DREAMer students and their families so that they may thrive personally and academically; having all campuses remain safe places for students and their families; and continuing to shun hate, judgment, violence, discrimination, and divisiveness, and instead, promoting peace, acceptance, inclusivity, compassion, and love.

Adopted this 12th day of January, 2017, the Governing Board voted at a duly called meeting at which a quorum was present with 7 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained from the above Resolution.

Ian Danley, Governing Board President

Stanford Prescott, Governing Board Clerk