

**RESOLUTION #20-04**  
**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE**  
**MORONGO BASIN HEALTHCARE DISTRICT**

**DECLARING RACISM IS A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS**

**WHEREAS**, the Morongo Basin Healthcare District (“District”) is a healthcare district duly formed and operating under the Local Health Care District law set forth in Health and Safety Code section 32000 et. Seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Morongo Basin Healthcare District bylaws state within the limits of community district resources, to promote healthcare resources to the community, regardless of sex, race, creed, religion, color, or ancestry or national origin and any other legally protected class.

**WHEREAS**, the health needs in the District are significant and are connected to Social Determinants of Health.

**WHEREAS**, Social Determinants of Health are defined by the Centers for Disease Control as “life enhancing resources, such as food supply, housing, economic and social relationships, transportation, education, and healthcare, whose distribution across populations effectively determines length and quality of life.”

**WHEREAS**, the Center for Disease Control states “Inequalities in the US are large, persistent, and increasing. Research documents that poverty, income and wealth inequality, poor quality of life, Racism, Sex discrimination, and low Socioeconomic conditions are the major risk factors for ill health and health inequalities.”

And “these systematic, avoidable disadvantages are interconnected, cumulative, intergenerational, and associated with lower capacity for full participation in society. Great social costs arise from these inequalities including threats to economic development, democracy, and the social health of the nation.”

**WHEREAS**, The American Public Health Association’s past president Camara Phyllis Jones stated “Racism is a system of structuring opportunity and assigning value based on the social interpretation of how one looks (which is what we call race), that unfairly advantages other individuals and communities, and saps the strength of the whole society through the waste of human resources.”

**WHEREAS**, The American Public Health Association stated, “Racism is a driving force of the Social Determinants of Health (like housing, education, and employment) and is a barrier to health equity.”

**WHEREAS**, on June 9, 2020 San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors declared Racism a Public Health Crisis, and Leonard Hernandez, County Chief Operating Officer said “Racism is a Public Health Crisis which results in societal concerns and may result in measurable detriments to persons and communities of color in the delivery of and access to wellness, economic development, and opportunity, public safety, housing, and education.”

**WHEREAS**, “Communities of color, working class residents, and those that suffer disabilities, are more likely to experience poor health outcomes as a consequence of this Social Determinants of Health, health inequities stemming from economic stability, education, physical, environment, food and access to healthcare systems.” According to a resolution passed by Franklin County Commissioners.

**WHEREAS**, “Race is a social construct with no biological basis” as identified by a resolution passed by Franklin County Commissioners.

**WHEREAS**, on June 1,2020 American Nursing Association President Ernest J. Grant said “Racism is a longstanding public health crisis that impacts both mental and physical health. The COVID19 Pandemic has exacerbated this crisis and added to the stress in the black community, which is experiencing higher rates of infection and deaths.”

**WHEREAS**, the American Medical Association House of Delegates and Board of Trustees “recognizes that Racism in its systemic, structural forms is an urgent threat to public health, the advancement of health equity, and a barrier to excellence in the delivery of medical care.”

**WHEREAS**, The Morongo Basin Healthcare District recognizes this data and recognizes racism is a Public Health Crisis.

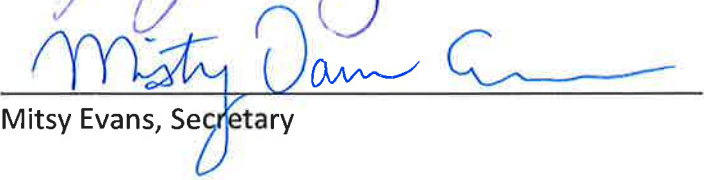
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors of the Morongo Basin Healthcare District affirms that racism is a public health crisis. Furthermore, based upon this affirmation, the District will actively participate in the dismantling of racism by:

1. Promote equity by enhancing studies and education aiming to understand, address, and reduce health disparities and racism
2. Solidify and establish alliances and partnerships with other organizations and community groups and members to address health disparities caused by racism
3. Continue to promote and support policies that prioritize the health of all people, especially of color.
4. Provide racial-equity training to all staff personnel.
5. Study and evaluate existing District and community policies and practices through a lens of racial equity to promote and support changes that prioritize all areas of health in an equitable way, especially for people of color, and mitigates exposure to adverse childhood experiences.
6. Based on community assessments, identify clear goals and objectives to improve community health disparities and periodically reports to the Board progress on the goals
7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately-

**CERTIFICATION:** This Resolution was passed and adopted at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Morongo Basin Healthcare District on the fourth day of June, 2020 by the following roll call vote:

Director Armstrong:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Director Doyle:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Director Evans:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Director Greenhouse:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Director Sullivan:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent

  
Marge Doyle, President

  
Misty Evans, Secretary