

## PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF UNITY DAY FEBRUARY 16, 2021

WHEREAS, Montclair State University is committed to the principle that everyone has the responsibility to foster an atmosphere of respect, tolerance, understanding and good will among all members of our diverse campus community; and

WHEREAS, Montclair State University is a vibrant community that is committed to providing a working and learning environment that is inclusive, free of discrimination, bullying or harassment, and is welcoming to persons from all racial, ethnic, social and cultural backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, it is vital to our overall success and to our purpose as an institution that we strive, as a community, to treat each other with dignity, acceptance, and mutual respect; and

WHEREAS, higher education thrives on the intellectual exchanges of people with a variety of ideas and experiences through a process of rational and civil discourse; and

WHEREAS, such discourse enriches the educational experiences for all members of the community;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Susan A. Cole, President of Montclair State University, hereby proclaim February 16, 2021 as **Unity Day** at Montclair State University, and I encourage our entire campus community to join me in celebrating this festive occasion.

SUSAN A. COLE February 16, 2021