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Good Evening,

Today, Governor Whitmer signed Executive Order 2020-110 that rescinds Michigan's Safe at Home order. There are still restrictions tied to the Order that we will follow. MCC will continue to use telework and telelearning options to meet business continuity and instructional demands until the Reopening Task Group completes the work of developing a plan to reopen the College responsibly.

The incomprehensible act caught on video has led to an uprising of anger and rage across the nation. I am appalled and disheartened that the disregard for humanity continues to rear its head in our country. At Mott Community College we value diversity, equity, and inclusion. We are strategically working toward having a campus where all individuals are treated fairly, respectfully, and have equal access to the highest standards of advocacy, opportunities, and resources. We are not just our brother's and sister's keepers in this community. We ARE our community.

Our Mott Strong Strategic Brand is an emblem for the daily work that undergirds our belief that we exist to better the lives of those we serve. As we work together to ensure that our students succeed and our community is sustained, let us not get blindsided by our own systemic barriers and biases. Let us lead as a community college that is not afraid to self-reflect and self-examine in order to create meaningful change that supports an inclusive region, state, and nation.

I have asked Public Safety Chief Michael Odette to conclude today's Communication with his thoughts about the murder of George Floyd. <u>Please review his letter to the College community in the attachment</u>.

Looking Forward,

Dr. Beverly

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