Dear Campus Community:

Over the last three weeks, as a result of mass-shooting in Gilroy, Dayton and El Paso we find ourselves once again in the position of grieving for lives lost or gravely injured and families and friends in pain because a gunman began shooting in a place where the victims should have felt safe. This weekend within 24 hours of each other, two cities experienced a singular horror as a result of the mass shootings. This year, 62 people have been killed in mass-shootings with over a hundred people injured.

Let us join together in solidarity, empathy and sympathy with the people of Gilroy, El Paso, Dayton and other communities that have been devastated by this senseless violence. This cannot and never should be considered normal. Our hearts may be breaking, but our commitment to one another, here on this campus and in the neighborhoods where we live, is fierce, is strong, and cannot be broken by the hateful actions of those armed with weapons.

As we come together, yet again, in support of one another, let us also be in community today with the people of these cities connected through violence. We are all Gilroy, El Paso Dayton and one country.

Tomás Morales President