



**Sun Prairie Area
School District**
Futures depend on us...every child, every day.

PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, the Sun Prairie Area School District Board of Education, administrators, educators, staff, parents and community members of the Sun Prairie Area School District are committed to a vision that "reflects the cultures of our diverse community" and a mission to "inspire and prepare every child, every day, by providing relevant, engaging and innovative learning experiences in and out of the classroom;" and

WHEREAS, in 1926, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, noted Black scholar and Harvard graduate initiated Black History Week; and for many years, the second week of February was chosen to celebrate the contributions and achievements of African American people in the United States so as to coincide with the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, as part of the nation's bicentennial, Black History Week was expanded and became established as Black History Month, and is now celebrated all over North America; and

WHEREAS, this year the Sun Prairie Area School District has again partnered with our Race and Equity Teams, Black Student Union and other community members to increase and expand on our efforts to celebrate this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities that focus on BLACK EXCELLENCE and honor the contributions and achievements of African American people in the United States by embracing the diverse thoughts and experiences that engage all of our students; and

WHEREAS, one month is not sufficient to honor all the contributions and achievements of African American people in the United States; and

WHEREAS, African American history is American history; and

WHEREAS, we are committed as a District to keep safe, honor and love all of our children;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sun Prairie Area School District Board of Education proudly recognizes the month of February as Black History Month; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sun Prairie Area School District Board of Education strongly encourages our staff and community members to observe, recognize and celebrate the culture, heritage, and contributions of our black students, families and community members to our schools, communities, state, and country.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this resolution was duly adopted by a unanimous vote of the Board members present on the 24th of January, 2022 .



Steve Schroeder, President
On behalf of Board of Education

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