

# Resolution

## MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION NUMBER 22-23-25

Recognizing

### **Black History Month**

**2023 Theme ~ Black Resistance**

**WHEREAS**, the month of February is a time, as a nation and community, that we recognize **Black History Month** and pay tribute to the contributions of past generations and celebrate the rich legacy of African-Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, **Black History Month** was officially recognized by the federal government in 1976 to honor and acknowledge the struggles and achievements of African-Americans to our national life and culture; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2023 theme for **Black History Month** is *Black Resistance* and explores how African Americans have resisted historic and ongoing oppression, in all forms, especially racial terrorism since the nation's earliest days and how they have consistently pushed the United States to live up to its ideals of freedom, liberty, and justice for all; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2023 theme additionally acknowledges the Black led institutions and affiliations that have lobbied, litigated, legislated, protested, and achieved success in the fight for justice against discrimination in all sectors of society from employment to education to housing; and

**WHEREAS**, what happened in the past shapes and informs where we are heading in the future, and it's of paramount importance to set aside a month for learning as much as we can about Black history and recognize the progression, achieved triumphs, and successes of Black people; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic uncovered widespread disparities and the Monterey County Board of Education is determined to create a platform that shines a light on the multiple facets of Black health and wellness through education and is committed to identifying imbalances in student outcomes in order to move towards greater equity in our education system, our healthcare industry, and the greater community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Monterey County Office of Education's All In For Equity series of events focuses on building inclusive communities and helping individuals understand equity, celebrate diversity, and build inclusive teams committed to providing opportunities for every student to perform at their highest levels of achievement; and

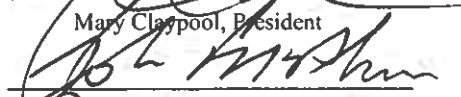
**WHEREAS**, acknowledging the courageous fight for freedoms, advances, health, and wellness for all Americans, the Monterey County Board of Education encourages educators, students, and families to learn about **Black History Month** and about the heritage and achievements of African-Americans that reflect the theme for 2023:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Monterey County Board of Education does hereby adopt Resolution Number 22-23-25 to honor **Black History Month** and recognize the tremendous contributions made by African-Americans.

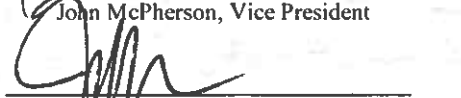
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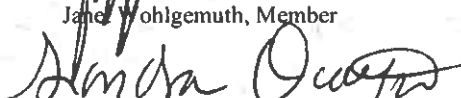
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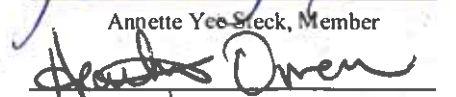


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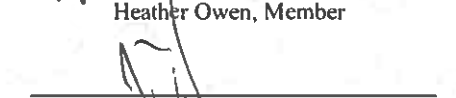




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