

Tigard-Tualatin School District 23J

Resolution 2223-12

**A Resolution of the Tigard-Tualatin School District Proclaiming
February 2023 Black History Month**

WHEREAS, in 1915, Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson, noted Black scholar and son of former slaves, founded the Association for the Study of African American Life and History and initiated the first celebration of Negro History Week on February 7, 1926, which led to the annual celebration of Black History Month; and

WHEREAS, National Black History Month is a national tradition established in response to the inadequate and often times biased depiction of Black history and representation of African American communities in history books and school curriculum; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month shines an annual spotlight on the powerful and continued fight to authentically honor Black Americans for their contributions throughout history; and

WHEREAS, Tigard-Tualatin School District (District) has Board policies that guide us in our commitment to bring our students and community together in conversations of race as well as ensuring accurate Black history is represented in American history curriculum at all grade levels as practice; and

WHEREAS, we pledge to study Black history, learn, acknowledge, and disrupt the systems built to hold back our Black citizens and especially our Black students every day; and

WHEREAS, the District is working towards eliminating the racial predictability and disproportionality on all aspects of education; and

WHEREAS, the District collaborates and partners with community-based organizations to further its efforts of forming strong relationships in a culturally appropriate way and to provide feedback and guidance to district leaders on improving outcomes and providing opportunities for Black Americans, first and second generation African, and multiracial youth in the District; and

WHEREAS, the Study of African American Life and History has dedicated Black History Month 2022 to honoring Black Health and Wellness; and

WHEREAS, we honor the contributions of Black health workers throughout history and those who have tirelessly served as frontline workers during the pandemic, and

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Tigard-Tualatin School Board, do hereby proclaim February 1st through February 28th, 2023 to be BLACK HISTORY MONTH in the Tigard-Tualatin School District

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Tigard-Tualatin School District Board of Directors strongly encourages our staff and community to observe, recognize, participate in, and celebrate the culture, heritage, contributions, and events of Black Americans in our country, our state, our cities, and our schools.

Dated this 6th day of February 2023



Tristan Irvin
Board Chair

Attest:



Susan Rieke-Smith, Ed.D.
Superintendent