

Joint Resolution No. 25-3
San Mateo County Board of Education
and
San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools
State of California

Recognizing February 2025 as National African American History Month

Whereas, National African American History Month (Black History Month), first originated as Negro History Week in 1926 as part of an initiative by writer and educator Dr. Carter G. Woodson to recognize the heritage and achievements of African Americans and to enhance knowledge about their history; and

Whereas, February is dedicated as Black History Month, a national tradition established to honor the triumphs and struggles of African Americans throughout United States history, and in response to the inadequate and often times inaccurate depiction of Black history and African American communities in history books and schools' curricula; and

Whereas, the contributions of African Americans from all walks of life throughout the history of the United States reflect the greatness of our nation; and

Whereas, many African Americans lived, worked, and died in obscurity, never achieving the recognition those individuals deserved, and yet they paved the way for future generations to succeed, and

Whereas, we express our sincere gratitude and recognize local African American education leaders in San Mateo County who inspire and support their students every day; and

Whereas, we understand the importance of educating our children in a way that builds a just and inclusive future, and that the observance of Black History Month is a much-needed step to continuing to battle racism while lifting up a more inclusive and equitable world for all,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the San Mateo County Board of Education and the San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools recognize the importance of National African American History Month as an opportunity to reflect on the complex history of the United States, while remaining hopeful and confident about the path ahead; acknowledge the value of African Americans to the strength, health, and richness of San Mateo County; promote greater awareness, education, and celebration of National African American History Month; and encourage schools and residents to understand and address the pernicious legacy of slavery and continued discrimination of the African American community

Be It Further Resolved that the Superintendent encourages all schools in San Mateo County to recognize and celebrate National African American History Month through culturally relevant activities and programming not only during the month of February 2025, but as an everyday activity.

**SAN MATEO COUNTY
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

 Passed and Adopted on this
 Fifteenth Day of January 2025

**SAN MATEO COUNTY
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

 President

