

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Resolution #24-01

**AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH
FEBRUARY 1 - FEBRUARY 29, 2024**

WHEREAS, "Negro History Week" was established in February 1926 and grew in popularity to eventually be designated as **African American History Month** by Presidential Proclamation in 1976; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme is: "**African Americans and the Arts**"; which celebrates how African American artists including poets, writers, visual artists, and dancers have historically served as change agents through their crafts; and

WHEREAS, the month of February was chosen as it marks the birthday of abolitionist Frederick Douglass and President Abraham Lincoln, both of whom dramatically affected the lives of African Americans; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of African American History Month is to recognize the important role that African Americans have played in the history of our country and to acknowledge the injustices they have suffered and the challenges they continue to face and strive to overcome; and

WHEREAS, African Americans have contributed economically, culturally, and socially to the development of United States history, especially in the area of human rights; and

WHEREAS, African Americans have progressively served as elected and appointed officials at the local and national levels, including Patsy Jo Hilliard who was the first African American and woman to serve on the South San Francisco Unified School District's Board of Trustees from 1975-1980; and

WHEREAS, California Education Code Section 51204.5 specifically calls for instruction in the social sciences to include the study of the role and contributions of African Americans, to the economic, political, and social development of California and the nation, with particular emphasis on portraying the role of this group in contemporary society; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South San Francisco Unified School District Board of Trustees hereby recognizes and wishes to honor African Americans during **African American History Month**.

REGULARLY PASSED AND ADOPTED this 25th day of January 2024.

AYES in Favor of Said Resolution

Patricia G. Murray
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ATTEST:

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Secretary/Clerk of the Board
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Superintendent of Schools