

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION 2026-14:

HONORING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, since 1926, our country traditionally commemorates and celebrates the contributions of African Americans during February; and

WHEREAS, since our nation's bicentennial in 1976, each president has issued proclamations declaring February as Black History Month; and

WHEREAS, "*African Americans and Labor*" is this year's national theme, focuses on the various and profound ways that work and working of all kinds – free and unfree, skilled, and unskilled, vocational and voluntary – intersect with the collective experiences of Black people; and

WHEREAS, African Americans have contributed significantly to the economic, cultural, spiritual, and political development of the country, as well as to that in the Fairbanks North Star Borough; and

WHEREAS, African Americans value knowledge and learning; and

WHEREAS, students of African American heritage are a significant population of the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District's student body; and

WHEREAS, African American teachers distinguish themselves as educators in Fairbanks North Star Borough School District classrooms; and

WHEREAS, African American principals and assistant principals have led their schools with vision; and

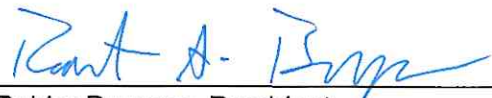
WHEREAS, school board members of African American heritage serve with distinction; and

WHEREAS, African American exempt, paraprofessional, and classified staff support all students' learning; and

WHEREAS, incorporating an accurate portrayal of African American history into the curriculum and teaching the contributions of African American history, culture, society, and language in the classroom promotes academic success for African American students, increases the understanding of all students, and benefits all citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Fairbanks North Star Borough Board of Education proclaims February 2026 Black History Month and encourages staff and students to honor it during February and throughout the year with interactive research, classroom lesson plans, guest speakers, displays, lectures, practical activities, and cultural celebrations.

Passed and Approved: January 20, 2026



Bobby Burgess, President
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ATTEST:



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