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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 2024 AS

BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, the 2024 Santa Barbara County Theme is "Black History: More Than a Month," and

WHEREAS, we honor Carter G. Woodson who established Negro History week in 1926. His intention was to bring to the public's attention to often overlooked important developments by African Americans that merit emphasis, education, and understanding; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 theme reflects, still, the need to call attention to these merits, but extend beyond just 29 days this year and how peoples that identify in the African diaspora in the United States and in Santa Barbara County, celebrate their history and culture year-round; and

WHEREAS, Black History is a thread that connects us all and locally we are grateful to key figures who helped make our region stronger. Individuals like Horace McMillan, Anita Mackey, Valencia Nelson, Babatunde Fodayemi, William Downey, Grover C. Barnes, and the late Sojourner Kincaid Rolle contributions helped to shape and make communities healthier; and

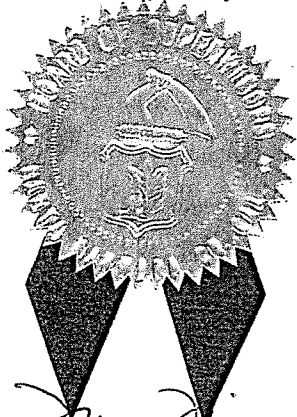
WHEREAS, Black History continues in the present as multi-generational efforts have been nurtured from Martin Luther King, Jr. Santa Barbara Committee, Endowment for Youth Community, NAACP, Gateway Educational Services, Santa Barbara Young Black Professionals, Healing Justice Santa Barbara, Juneteenth Santa Barbara, and other amazing organizations taking up the mantle to continue the love and support for community year-round; and

WHEREAS, the national theme is African Americans and the Arts. African American artists have used art to preserve history and community memory as well as for empowerment. Artistic and cultural movements such as the New Negro, Black Arts, Black Renaissance, hip-hop, and Afrofuturism, have been led by people of African descent and set the standard for popular trends around the world; and

WHEREAS, Black History is not just about the struggles Black families have been through, but rather it is a time of rejoicing, celebrating the accomplishments, integrity, leadership, and determination, and showing true character. We honor history and celebrate the progress that we have made. We are resilient and resolute in creating new opportunities for future generations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors declares February 2024 as BLACK HISTORY MONTH, and calls on all residents to acknowledge and celebrate with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this sixth day of February 2024, by the unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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