

***RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY OF 2018 TO BE BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY***

WHEREAS, Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson, the distinguished African American author, editor, publisher, and historian known as the “Father of Black History,” founded Negro History Week in 1926. Upon the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Black History Week, representation was extended to encompass Black History Month to encourage further research and publishing regarding the untold stories of African American heritage; and

WHEREAS, the history of African Americans in the United States, as well as throughout the ages, is powerful and vibrant, and it is appropriate to celebrate this history during the month of February 2018, which has been proclaimed nationally as Black History Month; and

WHEREAS, we recognize and honor the outstanding contributions of African American veterans from Santa Barbara County who have served with distinction, bravery and valor in the armed forces of our country.

WHEREAS, on March 5, 1770, the first American to sacrifice his life in the Revolutionary War was Crispus Attucks, an African American seaman and slave. African Americans also fought bravely during: the Battles of Lexington and Concord in April, 1775; the Battle of Rhode Island on August 29, 1778; the battles of Ticonderoga, White Plains, Bennington, Brandywine, Saratoga, Savannah, Yorktown and Bunker Hill; the War of 1812, including the Battle of New Orleans; the Civil War; the Spanish-American War; World Wars I and II; the Korean War; the Vietnam War; the Gulf War; and current conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors recognizes the month of February 2018 as Black History Month, and encourages residents of Santa Barbara County to celebrate the invaluable contributions, talents and achievements of African Americans to protect, support and enrich the Santa Barbara community and culture.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 13 day of February 2018 by the unanimous vote of all members present.