

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING
FEBRUARY 2012 AS
BLACK HISTORY MONTH
IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, February is recognized as Black History Month throughout the United States, and the 2012 National Theme is "Black Women in American History and Culture"; and

WHEREAS, from the American Revolution to the present, African American women have played a myriad of critical roles in the making of our nation. Their labor and leadership, their motherhood and patriotism, and their intellect and artistic expression have enriched both the African American community and the nation at large. In slavery and freedom, their struggles have been at the heart of the human experience, and their triumphs over racism and sexism are a testimonial to our common human spirit; and

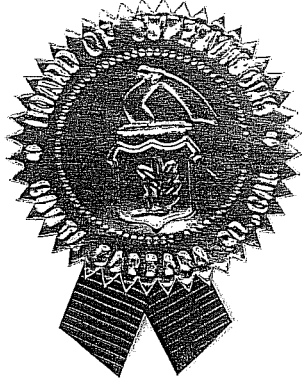
WHEREAS, black women have been notable for standing against oppression and have included well known historical leaders including Phillis Wheatley, the unlikely American patriot during the Revolutionary War, Harriet Tubman, the leader of the Underground Railroad from slavery, Ida B. Wells, the unyielding opponent of lynching, and Rosa Parks, the mother of the modern Civil Rights Movement; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month honors and acknowledges the contributions and achievements of African American Women both locally and across our country. Their participation in local community groups, churches, literary societies, sororities, advocacy organizations, businesses, educational institutions, media organizations and social services have served to enhance the quality of life for all residents in our community; and

WHEREAS, by retelling the story of African American Women, our community will gain a greater understanding of their struggles and achievements and broaden awareness of their significant roles and contributions in the making of America;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors declares February 2012 as **BLACK HISTORY MONTH** in Santa Barbara County, and calls on all residents to celebrate with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this seventh day of February, 2012 by the unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST: Chandra Wilton
Clerk of the Board

NOEL Supervisor - 1st District
Grant Wolf Supervisor - 2nd District
Debbie Fair Supervisor - 3rd District
Jonie Gray Supervisor - 4th District
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