

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING
FEBRUARY 2020 AS
BLACK HISTORY MONTH
IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson, the distinguished African American author, editor, publisher, and historian founded Negro History Week in 1926, which became Black History Month in 1976. With this distinction, Woodson intended to encourage further research and publishing of the untold stories of African American heritage. In addition, he hoped to provide themes to bring to the public's attention to important developments in Black History that merit emphasis and recognition; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, the national theme is "African Americans and the Vote" to commemorate the long, rich history of the ongoing struggle on the part of Black men and women for the right to vote. Even before the Civil War, Black men petitioned their legislators and the U.S. Congress, seeking to be recognized as voters and to exercise their right to vote as guaranteed under the 15th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution; and

WHEREAS, through launching voting rights campaigns and legal suits from the turn of the twentieth century through the mid-1960s, African Americans made their voices heard regarding the importance of the vote. In 1965, the Federal Government signed the Voting Rights Act into law, overcoming legal barriers at state and local levels that had prevented African Americans from voting; and

WHEREAS, we honor: the rise of African American elected and appointed officials at local and national levels, campaigns for equal rights legislation; as well as the role of African Americans in traditional and alternative political leadership; and

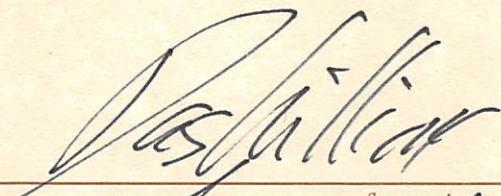
WHEREAS, we honor the struggle for the right to vote in this country and encourage people of all backgrounds to respect, appreciate and harness their power to vote.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors declares February 2020, as **BLACK HISTORY MONTH**, and calls on all residents to celebrate with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

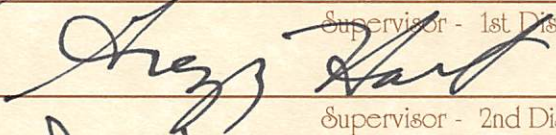
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this Fourth of February 2020, by the unanimous vote of all members present.



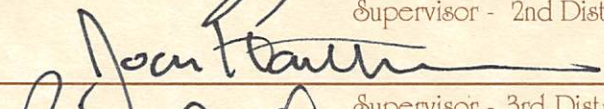
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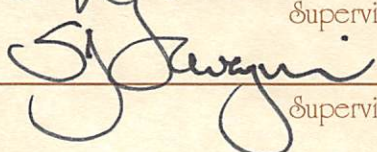
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Supervisor - 5th District

ATTEST: 
Clerk of the Board