

Santa Barbara County of

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 2026 AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, February is nationally recognized as Black History Month, a time to honor the history, legacy, and contributions of African Americans and people of African descent to the strength and character of our nation and local communities; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 national theme for Black History Month, "*A Century of Black History Commemorations*," marks the 100-year legacy of Dr. Carter G. Woodson's establishment of Negro History Week through the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), a milestone in promoting the study and public recognition of African American history; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Woodson's work laid the foundation for broadening public understanding that Black history is American history and that the stories, struggles, and achievements of African Americans must be preserved, shared, and celebrated; and

WHEREAS, local organizations play a vital role in sustaining Black history, culture, and civic engagement, including the **Santa Barbara Black Culture House**, which showcases Black artistry, history, and activism; the **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Committees of Santa Barbara and Lompoc**, which organizes annual events honoring civil rights legacies; the **Juneteenth Santa Barbara**, which celebrates emancipation and community heritage; **Healing Justice Santa Barbara**, which advances racial equity, historical preservation, and community empowerment; **Gateway Educational Services** whose mission centers on providing equity through educational intervention in reading, math and writing to help students reach the dream of attending college; and the **Santa Maria - Lompoc and Santa Barbara branches of the National Association For the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)**, who continues a 117 year old tradition of advocacy to achieve equity, political rights, and social inclusion by advancing policies and practices that expand human and civil rights, eliminate discrimination, and accelerate the well-being, education, and economic security of Black people and all persons of color; and

WHEREAS, these and other community groups and faith communities help educate residents, preserve local Black history, and uplift voices across generations, strengthening Santa Barbara County's civic life, cultural heritage, and collective future;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara does hereby proclaim February 2026 as **Black History Month** in Santa Barbara County and encourages all residents to join in appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities honoring the theme "*A Century of Black History Commemorations*."

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 10th day of February 2026, by a unanimous vote of all members present.



Maria Nolasco
ATTEST: Clerk of the Board

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