

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 2021 AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, the 2021 National Theme is The Black Family: Representation, Identity, and Diversity; and

WHEREAS when Carter G. Woodson established Negro History Week in 1926, he realized the importance of providing a theme to focus the attention of the public. In 1976, Negro History Week expanded into Black History Month. The intention has never been to dictate or limit the exploration of the Black experience, but to bring to the public's attention important developments that merit emphasis; and

WHEREAS the themes reflect changes in how people of African descent in the United States have viewed themselves, the influence of social movements on racial ideologies, and the aspirations of the Black community; and

WHEREAS, while the role of the Black Family has been described by some as a microcosm of the entire race, its complexity as the "foundation" of African American life and history can be seen in numerous debates over how to represent its meaning and typicality from a historical perspective; and

WHEREAS the Black Family has been a topic of study in many disciplines— history, literature, the visual arts and film studies, sociology, anthropology, and social policy. Its representation, identity, and diversity have been referenced, stereotyped, and maligned from the days of slavery to our own time; and

WHEREAS the Black Family offers a rich tapestry of images for exploring the African American past and present. The Black Family knows no single location, since family reunions and genetic ancestry searches testify to the spread of family members across states, nations, and continents. As family historians dive into archives, online newspapers, and census reports to stretch the traditional boundaries of history, they discover amazing life stories of their ancestors –ordinary people who did extraordinary things. These stories inspire new generations and destroy old stereotypes; 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 progress that we have made. We are resilient and resolute in creating new opportunities for future generations.

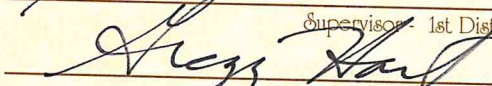
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors declares February 2021 as **BLACK HISTORY MONTH**, and calls on all residents to acknowledge and celebrate with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this Second of February 2021, by the unanimous vote of all members present.

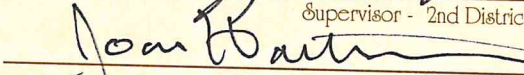




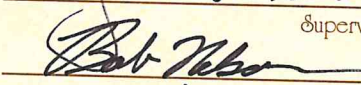
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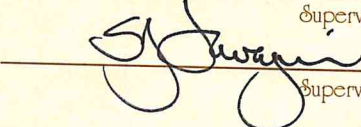
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ATTEST: 
Clerk of the Board