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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

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

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WHEREAS, February is recognized as Black History/African American History month throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, the 2008 National Theme of Black History Month, "Carter G. Woodson and the Origins of the Multiculturalism," celebrates and acknowledges the rich heritage and cultural diversity that all racial and ethnic groups have contributed to the vibrancy of our national life; and

WHEREAS, the multicultural history of America has not always been embraced and it took the work of many individuals and the leadership and vision of Carter G. Woodson to create a movement to educate Americans about cultural diversity and its benefits for a strong and healthy democracy; and

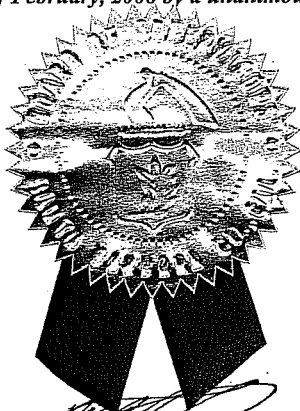
WHEREAS, Carter G. Woodson should be known not simply as the Father of Black History, but as a pioneer of multiculturalism who forged an intellectual movement that has established multiculturalism as a celebrated and honored part of our society; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month brings a significant part of our nation's heritage to life in classrooms, assemblies, film series and various events throughout the community; and as we recall these remarkable individuals, we also recognize that, despite our progress, we must still work to overcome racial prejudice and be vigilant in our response to discrimination wherever we find it; and

WHEREAS, our nation's leaders must be committed to preserving cultural heritage, fairness and equality for all and continue to promote diversity, understanding, and opportunity, so every person, regardless of race, can realize the promise of America.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors proclaims February as "Black History Month" and further encourages the residents of Santa Barbara County to participate in the activities and events acknowledging the significant accomplishments and achievements of those who have shaped our nation and influenced society for the benefit of all.

Passed and Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California on this 5th Day of February, 2008 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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