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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 2022 AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

Whereas, the 2022 Santa Barbara County Theme for Black History Month is "Black Joy & Legacy Through Family Health & Safety;" and

Whereas, when Dr. Carter G. Woodson established Negro History Week in 1926, he "lobbied extensively to establish Black History as a nationwide institution" and to encourage "the study of African American history". Due to his efforts in 1976, Negro History Week expanded to Black History Month. The goal of bringing to the public's attention front and center, the noteworthy and important contributions made by African Americans/Black community members that merit emphasis; and

Whereas, the 2022 theme reflect changes in how people a part of the African diaspora in the United States and Santa Barbara County, in particular, have viewed themselves, the influence of social movements on racial ideologies, and the aspirations of the Black community; 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 attest 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 Joy & Legacy Through Family Health & Safety" has been at the cornerstone of survival for the Black community— it is with the Black family that has prioritized the health and safety of our Black community. Without such health and safety, contributions through the legacy of storytelling, history, literature, the visual arts, film studies, sociology, sciences, anthropology, and social policy, could not be known or educated upon; 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 the history and celebrate the progress that we have made. We are resilient and resolute in creating new opportunities for future generations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors declares February 2022 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 1st day of February 2022, by the unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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