

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 2017
AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH
IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, February is recognized as Black History Month throughout the United States, and the Association for the Study of African American Life and History has selected “The Crisis in Black Education” as the 2017 National Black History Month theme; and

WHEREAS, this annual theme brings attention to the crucial role of education in the history of African Americans, as well the consistent barriers that deny access to an education for many individuals today; and

WHEREAS, the founder of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Carter G. Woodson, understood the implications associated with the denial of access to knowledge and made it clear in his writings that only when African Americans were taught that they have “accomplished as much good as any other race” would they “aspire to equality and justice without regard to race,” and;

WHEREAS, the push for inclusion of black history in curriculums demonstrates incredible tenacity and organizing power, and;

WHEREAS, African American communities continue to persevere and resist the crisis in Black education, and it is our responsibility to prioritize and address this crisis as one of the most important goals in America’s past, present, and future;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors proclaims February 2017 as BLACK HISTORY MONTH in Santa Barbara County, 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 7th of February, 2017, by the unanimous vote of all members present.