

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 2016 AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY CALIFORNIA

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 "Hallowed Grounds: Sites of African American Memories" as the 2016 National Black History Month theme; and

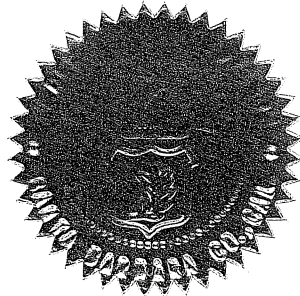
WHEREAS, this annual theme brings attention to the centennial celebration of the National Park Service which works to preserve the natural and cultural resources of our country in order to educate and inspire future generations. This includes the preservation of more than twenty-five sites that were part the Underground Railroad Network to Freedom and the home of Dr. Carter G. Woodson, who is recognized as the father of black history; and

WHEREAS, from port cities where Africans disembarked from slave ships to the battle fields where their descendants fought for freedom, and from the colleges and universities where they pursued education to places where they created communities during centuries of migration, these sites prompt us to remember, and over time have become hallowed grounds by retaining and retelling the memories of our forbears' struggles for freedom and justice. One cannot tell the story of America without preserving and reflecting on the places where African Americans have made history; and

WHEREAS, preservation of places and memories of hallowed grounds cannot be just a reminiscence, it must be a basis to honor the past and inspire the present generation of Americans to work together to claim a better world today and for a greater more tomorrow;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors proclaims February, 2016, 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 2nd of February, 2016, by the unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST: Monroe Reynolds
Clerk of the Board

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