



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

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WHEREAS, February is the nationally recognized month of Black/African American History; and

WHEREAS, history is more than a memory, it is a movement, composed of acts by certain individuals, who with grace and determination, have shaped our Nation while setting examples for current and future generations to emulate; and

WHEREAS, the 2007 National Theme of Black History Month, "From Slavery to Freedom; Africans in the Americas" recalls African Americans' long journey to justice and commemorates the courage and persistence of the heroes who called on our Nation to live up to its founding promise; and

WHEREAS, a century after African American soldiers fought for their freedom on the battlefields of the Civil War, civil rights leaders struggled peacefully in the streets of Birmingham, Alabama and the Mall in Washington, D.C. to end the injustice of segregation while demonstrating courage and dignity, making America a more just and hopeful society for all its citizens; and

WHEREAS, African American leaders, such as Dr. Martin Luther King and Rosa Parks, continue to inspire our country to unite with one voice and work together to fulfill the preamble of the Declaration of Independence: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal. That they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights. That among these is life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors proclaims February 2007 "Black History Month" in Santa Barbara County, acknowledging the struggles of peoples of African descent to achieve freedom and equality and further encourages all residents to participate in events and activities that commemorate the importance of African American heritage and culture in our society.

Passed and Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California on this 6th Day of February, 2007 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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