

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 2015 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 this year's theme "A Century of Black Life, History, and Culture"; and

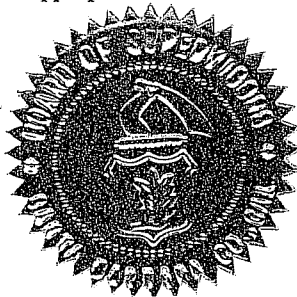
WHEREAS, Black History Month began in 1926 as part of an initiative by writer and educator Dr. Carter G. Woodson who launched Negro History Week in 1926. Woodson proclaimed that Negro History Week should always occur in the second week of February —between the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln; and

WHEREAS, in 1915, Carter G. Woodson labored under the belief that historical truth would crush falsehoods and usher in a new era of equality, opportunity, and racial democracy, and for over a century it has been the charge of the Association for the Study of African American Life to promote these universal rights; and

WHEREAS, In 1915, few could have imagined that African Americans in music, art, and literature would become appreciated by the global community. Fewer still could have predicted the prominence achieved by African Americans, as well as other people of African descent, in shaping world politics, war, and diplomacy. Over the past century, African American life, history, and culture have become major forces in the United States and the world; and

WHEREAS, in a wave of social movements, African American activism transformed race relations, challenged American foreign policy, and became the American conscience on human rights. Black history will continue to be an important part of American and world history and we must continue to tell the stories.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors declares February 2015, as BLACK HISTORY MONTH, and calls on all residents to celebrate with appropriate ceremonies and activities.



ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

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