

RESOLUTION NO. 02072022-A
A RESOLUTION CELEBRATING
NATIONAL AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, in 1925, Carter G. Woodson founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History and conceived and announced Negro History Week to be celebrated during the week encompassing the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglas in February, 1926;

WHEREAS, as a result of the 1926 celebration, teachers across the United States sought materials to instruct pupils on the study of life and history of African-Americans, and citizens supported efforts to increase education on these and other relevant topics;

WHEREAS, in 1976, then-President Gerald R. Ford expanded the celebration to a month and urged Americans to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every endeavor throughout our history”

WHEREAS, students, educators, and citizens shall pay tribute to the contributions of past generations and celebrate the rich legacy of African-Americans;

WHEREAS, all Patterson Joint Unified School District students, educators, and citizens should honor the remarkable and everlasting contributions African-Americans have made in perfecting our Union, our State, and Stanislaus County;

WHEREAS, National African-American History Month is an opportunity to tell stories of freedom won and honor individuals who lived and wrote such stories; and

WHEREAS, the Patterson Joint Unified School District Board of Education honors those who came before by striving toward their example and urges all citizens to follow in their footsteps by celebrating National African-American History Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PATTERSON JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES that it celebrates February, 2022, as National African- American History Month and that it calls upon all Patterson students and staff to observe this month with programs, celebrations, ceremonies and activities recognizing the amazing and everlasting efforts and accomplishments of African-Americans in Stanislaus County, California, and the United States.

Ayes: ____
Noes: ____
Abstain: ____
Absent: ____

Clerk/Secretary

Dated: February 7, 2022