

***Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the  
County of Monterey, State of California***

**Proclamation No.**

Adopt Resolution Proclaiming February 2023 as “**Black History Month**” in Monterey County.

**WHEREAS**, African American history is an integral part of American history and since our nation’s bicentennial in 1976 February has been designated as a month to emphasize, recognize and celebrate the contributions and achievements of African Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, born in Virginia in 1875, escaped poverty through education and received his doctorate degree from Harvard in 1912 noticed that the contributions of African Americans were not properly represented in history books. In 1915, he founded what is now known as the Journal of African American History and in 1927 organized the first annual Negro History Week for the second week in February to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglas; and

**WHEREAS**, The County of Monterey can count among its past and present citizens many African American leaders, educators, and social justice pioneers with state, national and international historical prominence; and

**WHEREAS**, African Americans of all walks of life have made significant contributions throughout the history of Monterey County and continue to serve at the highest levels of business, government, arts, education, non-profit organizations, civil rights and the military, to name a few; and

**WHEREAS**, The County of Monterey honors it’s leaders who proudly serve on many important elected leadership positions, including Seaside Mayor Ian Oglesby, Monterey Mayor Tyller Williamson, Monterey Council Member Kim Barber, Monterey County Office of Education Board Member Mary Claypool, Monterey Peninsula Community College District Board of Trustees Member Yuri Anderson, Monterey Peninsula Unified School District School Board Member Board Member Dr. Bettye Lusk, Monterey Peninsula College Board Member Rosalyn Green, Monterey Peninsula College Board Member Debbie Anthony, Monterey Peninsula Water District Board Member Alvin Edwards, and North County Fire District Board Member Jacqueline Simon; and

**WHEREAS**, The County of Monterey strives to be an inclusive community in which all of our diverse residents, past, present, and future, are respected and recognized for their valuable accomplishments, leadership and contributions to Monterey County, the State of California, and our nation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, declare that the month of February 2023 be proclaimed as “**Black History Month**” in Monterey County and urges all residents to join in celebrating the accomplishments, leadership and contributions of African Americans in Monterey County and beyond.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023, by the following vote, to wit:

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:**

I, Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book \_\_\_\_ for the meeting on \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

Dated:

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Monterey, State of California.

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy