

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

Resolution No. _____

Adopt a Resolution proclaiming February)
2017 as “**African American History Month**”)
in Monterey County.)

WHEREAS, during Black History Month, we celebrate the many achievements and contributions made by African Americans to our economic, cultural, spiritual and political development; and

WHEREAS, in 1915, Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson, noted Black scholar and son of former slaves, founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, which was later renamed the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH); and

WHEREAS, Dr. Woodson initiated Black History Week, February 12, 1926; and for many years, the second week of February, chosen so as to coincide with the birthdays of Frederick Douglas and Abraham Lincoln, was celebrated by African Americans in the United States, and

WHEREAS, in 1976, as part of the nation’s bicentennial, Black History Week was expanded and became established as Black History Month, and is now celebrated all over North America; and

WHEREAS, the Crisis in Black Education is the national theme for **African American History Month**, which is observed in Monterey County to encourage all citizens to learn about and appreciate the African American story; and

WHEREAS, the Association for the Study of African American Life & History has selected this annual theme to bring attention to the crisis in black education in urban neighborhoods where public schools lack resources, endure overcrowding, exhibit a racial achievement gap, and confront policies that fail to deliver substantive benefits, but at the same time, to recognize that African American history is rich in centuries-old efforts of resistance to this crisis: the slaves’ surreptitious endeavors to learn; the rise of black colleges and universities after the Civil War; unrelenting battles in the courts; the black history movement; the freedom schools of the 1960s; and local community-based academic and mentorship programs that inspire a love of learning and thirst for achievement; and

WHEREAS, while the observance of Black History Month calls our Nation’s attention to the continued need to battle racism and to build a society that lives up to its democratic ideals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey does hereby proclaim the month of February 2017 as “**African American History Month**” in Monterey County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 14th day of February, 2017, by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

I, Gail T. Borkowski, 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 _____.

Dated:

Gail T. Borkowski, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California

By _____
Deputy