

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

Proclamation No.

Adopt Proclamation proclaiming February 2019)
As Black History Month in the County of Monterey)

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, Monterey County 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, the County of Monterey strives to be an inclusive community in which all citizens, past, present, and future, are respected and recognized for their contributions to our county, our state, our country and the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all citizens thereof, hereby proclaim the month of February, 2019, as Black History Month in the County of Monterey and urge all citizens to commit to working toward the ideals of equality, freedom, and opportunity that our country represents.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 5th day of February 2019, upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____, 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 resolution of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book ____ for the meeting on February 5, 2019.

Dated:

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

By _____