

Resolution

MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION NUMBER 20-21-30

Recognizing and Honoring

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

2021 Theme ~ The Black Family: Representation, Identity, and Diversity

WHEREAS, the month of February is the time that we, as a nation and community, recognize **BLACK HISTORY MONTH** and pay tribute to the contributions of past generations and celebrate the rich legacy of African Americans; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, **BLACK HISTORY MONTH** was officially recognized by the federal government to honor and recognize the struggles and achievements of African Americans to our national life and culture; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 theme for **BLACK HISTORY MONTH** is *The Black Family: Representation, Identity, and Diversity* and exemplifies the complexity of the foundation of African American life that has been revered, stereotyped, and vilified from the days of slavery to our current time, and the realization that family members and ancestors are spread out across states, nations and continents; and

WHEREAS, the Monterey County Office of Education upholds its All In For Equity series of events focused on building inclusive communities and helping individuals understand equity, celebrate diversity and build collective teams committed to providing opportunities for every student to perform at their highest levels of achievement; and

WHEREAS, with a goal to change the racial trajectory of this state and country, California Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill 1460 to broaden ethnic studies curriculum and include more African American studies and awareness of Black History, and require course completion for California State University graduation; and

WHEREAS, with our nation shaken by high-profile incidents of racial injustice, African American families and our country are demanding strong leadership and action for equity and social justice; and

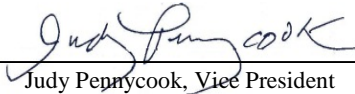
WHEREAS, acknowledging the courageous fight for the rights, liberties, and freedoms for all Americans, the Monterey County Board of Education encourages educators, students, and families to learn about **BLACK HISTORY MONTH** and about the heritage and achievements of African Americans through appropriate programs and activities that reflect the theme for 2021:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Monterey County Board of Education does hereby adopt Resolution Number 20-21-30 to honor **BLACK HISTORY MONTH** and recognizes the tremendous contributions made by African Americans.

**Passed and Adopted on the
Thirteenth Day of January, 2021**



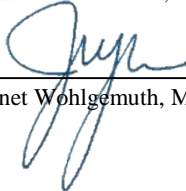
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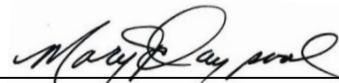
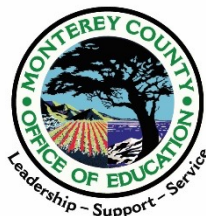
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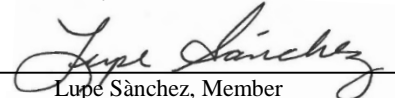
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