



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item 7.1

Meeting Date: February 21, 2019

Subject: Approve Resolution No. 3048: Recognition of National Black History Month, February 2019

- Information Item Only
- Approval on Consent Agenda
- Conference (for discussion only)
- Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated: _____)
- Conference/Action
- Action
- Public Hearing

Division: Board Office

Recommendation: Approve Resolution No. 3048: Recognition of National Black History Month, February 2019.

Background/Rationale: February has been designated as National Black History Month. The Resolution recognizes the importance of culturally relevant curriculum that outlines the contributions of Black history and communities. It states that SCUSD must strive to develop a deeper understanding of the disproportionate hardships many Black students and community members face in today's society, and calls for the District to continue addressing such disparities through thoughtful and holistic policy, programming, information sharing, and outcomes in order to move towards greater equity in our educational system and the greater community.

Financial Considerations: None

LCAP Goal(s): College, Career, & Life-Ready Graduates; Safe, Emotionally-Healthy & Engaged Students; Family and Community Empowerment; and Operational Excellence

Documents Attached:

1. Resolution No. 3048

Estimated Time of Presentation: 5 minutes

Submitted by: Jessie Ryan, Board Member

Approved by: Jorge A. Aguilar, Superintendent

**SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**RESOLUTION NO. 3048:
RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH,
FEBRUARY 2019**

WHEREAS, the first event celebrating Black history took place during a week in February 1926, encompassing the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglas, two key figures in the history of Black Americans;

WHEREAS, in 1976 the week-long celebration was extended to the entire month of February;

WHEREAS, National Black History Month is a national tradition established in response to the inadequate and biased depiction of Black history and communities in history books and other curricula;

WHEREAS, Black people helped develop our nation in countless ways, those recognized, unrecognized, and unrecorded;

WHEREAS, the contributions of Black citizens begin in the classrooms of our public schools;

WHEREAS, America's public schools have also been sites of oppression, trauma and control, and have been used to further perpetuate racialized stereotypes of Black Americans;

WHEREAS, the struggle against racism, and anti-Blackness continues here in Sacramento as well as the rest of the world, Sacramento Unified School District demonstrates a commitment to promoting education and community conversation on racial injustice and inequities;

WHEREAS, the Sacramento Unified School District recognizes that each student needs an opportunity to develop pride in his or her own identity and heritage; and to understand, respect, and accept the identity and heritage of others;

WHEREAS, Sacramento City Unified School District must strive to develop a deeper understanding and appreciation among our students and community for the contributions made by Black citizens of yesterday, today, and tomorrow;

WHEREAS, Sacramento City Unified School District must strive to develop a deeper understanding of the disproportionate hardships many Black students and community members face in today's society in an effort to stand in solidarity with those who still experience oppression and trauma solely based on the color of their skin;

WHEREAS, the District is proud of the work accomplished by our students, and the staff and community partners who support them in their continual growth towards becoming the civically-minded thought-leaders of tomorrow;

WHEREAS, Sacramento City Unified School District understands it must do more to uplift the Black Leaders of yesterday, today, and tomorrow, with a specific focus on improving the lives of our students today as they become the leaders of tomorrow;

WHEREAS, National Black History Month is a vehicle to promote culturally relevant activities, learning and leadership opportunities;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education encourages curriculum, discussions, presentations, and projects relating to addressing inequities, and enhancing the experience of Black History month; and

WHEREAS, not only during the month of February 2019, but throughout the entire year, it is important that we as a District seek to understand how to thoughtfully and holistically address Black American disparities in policy, programming, information-sharing, and outcomes in order to move towards greater equity in our educational system and the greater community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education does hereby recognize February 2019 as National Black History Month and supports the important work and services provided by staff and community partners within our schools and greater community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent will share a copy of this resolution with all schools within Sacramento City Unified School District as a tool to spur the ongoing recognition and celebration of Black American intelligence and leadership within our schools and community both during and beyond the month of February 2019.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education on this 21st day of February, 2019, by the following vote:

A YES: ____

NOES: ____

ABSTAIN: ____

ABSENT: ____

ATTESTED TO:

Jessie Ryan
President of the Board of Education

Jorge A. Aguilar
Superintendent