



# SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item 7.2

**Meeting Date:** February 2, 2017

**Subject:** Approve Resolution No. 2916: Recognition of National African American History Month, February 2017

- 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. 2916: Recognition of National African American History Month, February 2017.

**Background/Rationale:** February has been designated as National African American History Month. The Resolution recognizes the important historical and ongoing contributions of African American individuals in our society.

**Financial Considerations:** N/A

**LCAP Goal(s):** Family and Community Empowerment

**Documents Attached:**

1. Resolution No. 2916

<p><b>Estimated Time of Presentation:</b> 5 minutes</p> <p><b>Submitted by:</b> Mai Vang, Board Member</p> <p><b>Approved by:</b> José L. Banda, Superintendent</p>
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**SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2916:  
RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, the first event was celebrated during a week in February 1926, encompassing the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, two key figures in the history of African Americans;

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

**WHEREAS**, this year's theme is "The Crisis in Black Education," which focuses on the crucial role of education in the history of African Americans. Carter G. Woodson, African-American historian, author, journalist, and the founder of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, wrote: "if you teach the Negro that he has accomplished as much good as any other race, he will aspire to equality and justice without regard to race;" and

**WHEREAS**, National African American History Month is a national tradition established in response to the inadequate and often times biased depiction of black history and African American communities in history books and schools curricula of the era; and

**WHEREAS**, African Americans helped develop our nation in countless ways, those recognized, unrecognized, and unrecorded; and

**WHEREAS**, the contributions of African American citizens and scientists, inventors, educators, farmers, homemakers, and explorers of earth and sky, have been recognized annually during National African American History Month; and

**WHEREAS**, African American citizens have participated, and continue to, in every American effort to secure, protect, and maintain the essence and substance of American democracy; and

**WHEREAS**, National African American History Month is a vehicle to promote cultural relevant activities like the many events planned at district school sites, college campuses, public libraries, businesses and non-profits throughout the Sacramento area that will offer excellent opportunities to focus the energy, attention, commitment and action of the entire community on closing health, opportunity and achievement gaps for black students and families; and

**WHEREAS**, not only during the month of February 2017, but throughout the remainder of this year, it is important that we as a district seek to understand how to thoughtfully and holistically address African American disparities in 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, 2017 as African American History Month and supports the important work and services provided by schools throughout the District and organizations throughout the Nation.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Superintendent will encourage all schools in the Sacramento City Unified School District to recognize and celebrate National African American History Month through culturally relevant activities and programming.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education on this 2nd day of February, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_  
NOES: \_\_\_\_\_  
ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_  
ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTESTED TO:

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Josè L. Banda  
Secretary of the Board of Education

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Jay Hansen  
President of the Board of Education