

SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION NO. 3247:

RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH, FEBRUARY 2022

WHEREAS, the first event to recognize and celebrate Black history occurred during a week in February in 1926, encompassing the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, two key figures in the history of African Americans; and

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

WHEREAS, Thurgood Marshall, first African American U.S. Supreme Court member stated : “In recognizing the humanity of our fellow beings, we pay ourselves the highest tribute.” and

WHEREAS, National Black 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 ; and

WHEREAS, African Americans helped develop our nation, in was recognized, unrecognized, and unrecorded; and

WHEREAS, the contributions of African American citizens, scientists, inventors, educators, farmers, homemakers, elected officials, clergy, entertainers, athletes, and explorers of earth and sky, have been recognized annually during National Black 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 Black History Month is a vehicle for culturally-relevant activities and scholarship at Sacramento City Unified School District to focus ways to close health, opportunity, and opportunity gaps for black students, employees, and families; and

WHEREAS, not only during the month of February, but throughout the remainder of this year, it is important that Sacramento City Unified School District seek to understand how to thoughtfully and holistically address African American disparities in educational

outcomes, degree and certificate completion, and diversity hiring in order to move towards greater equity in our educational system and the larger community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sacramento City Unified School

District Board of Education does hereby recognize the month of February as Black History Month and supports the important work and services provided by campus staff, managers, administrators, and residents throughout the District and across the nation;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education will encourage all staff and members of the community to recognize and celebrate National Black History Month through culturally relevant activities and programming.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education on this 3rd day of February, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: ____ NOES: ____ ABSTAIN: ____ ABSENT: ____

ATTESTED TO:

_____ Christina Pritchett

President of the Board of Education

_____ Jorge A. Aguilar

Superintendent