



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: February 6, 2024

Item Number: _____

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Majority Vote Required

Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California, Proclaiming February 2024 as Black History Month Gold Resolution

Whereas, in 1776, people envisioned the United States as a new nation dedicated to the proposition stated in the Declaration of Independence that “all men are created equal”, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness; and

Whereas, Africans were first brought involuntarily to the shores of the United States in 1619 and suffered enslavement until centuries later when they were granted freedom; and

Whereas, in February 1926, Carter G. Woodson sent out a press release announcing the first Negro History Week, which later became known as Black History Month in 1976; and

Whereas, Black History Month is celebrated each February in the United States to honor and celebrate the achievements of African Americans, and recognize their central role in U.S. history; and

Whereas, this year’s theme, “African Americans and the Arts” spanning the many impacts Black Americans have had on visual arts, music, cultural movements and more; and

Whereas, the great James Baldwin said, “Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced.”; and

Whereas, the County of Sonoma has begun to change due to the efforts of many Civil

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Rights activists alongside the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors; and

Whereas, County of Sonoma continues to work on the 2021 Five Year Strategic Plan of Racial Equity and Social Justice; and

Whereas, County of Sonoma honors the Black families who helped build Sonoma County, and pledge to keep facing Racial adversity.

Therefore, Be It Resolved the County of Sonoma Board of Supervisors proclaim February 2024 as Black History Month in Sonoma County.

Supervisors:

Gorin:

Rabbitt:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Coursey:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.