



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: February 11, 2025

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

4/5 Vote Required

**Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California,
Proclaiming February 2025 as Black History Month in Sonoma County.**

Whereas, our Nation, State and County were built upon the dedication, hopes, and struggle of “slaves”, “indentured servants”, “willing tenants”, “domestic help” etc., we in Sonoma County hold space and seek a remedy for the shame, distrust and pain experienced by Black diaspora in our County through open communication and Non-Violence; and

Whereas, Sonoma County is remembering our county’s ties to slavery, recognizing the immense love planted in our roots, or seeing the connections for the first time, this is the beginning of our healing. Our healing must happen on all sides, we must recognize the truth and power in our love to stop the intergenerational cycle of hatred; and

Whereas, Dr Martin Luther King, Jr stated, “What is needed is a realization that Power without Love is reckless and abusive, and that Love without Power is sentimental and anemic. Power at its best is Love implementing the demands of Justice. Justice at its best is Love correcting EVERYTHING that stands against Love; and

Whereas, Black History Month is habitually seen as the celebration of additions to our society provided by people who are BIPOC, African Americans, Blacks, let Sonoma County be the first to see February as more! Let us see Black History Month as a time of honesty, communication, and healing to honor the legacy and current accomplishments of Black people in Sonoma County; and

Whereas, Dr Martin Luther King stated in 1968, “We shall overcome because the arc of the Moral Universe is long, but it bends towards Justice.”

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved the County of Sonoma Board of Supervisors acknowledge and proclaim February 2025 as Black History Month in Sonoma County.

Supervisors:

Hermosillo:

Rabbitt:

Coursey:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.