

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND HONORING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION No. 2677-2**

WHEREAS, February is Black History Month, an annual celebration of the achievements made by African Americans and the significant role they have played in United States (U.S.) history. Black History has been celebrated in the U.S. since 1926 when Carter G. Woodson established Negro History Week; and

WHEREAS, several observances honoring Black civil rights activities occur within and around the month of February including: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on January 19, National Freedom Day on February 1, Rosa Parks Day on February 4, and Frederick Douglass Day on February 14; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 Black History Month theme is A Century of Black History Commemorations; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme celebrates a century of Black History commemorations and acknowledges the achievements of the founders of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH), now the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH). Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson, George Cleveland Hall, William D. Hartgrove, Jesse E. Moorland, Alexander L. Jackson, and James E. Stamps together formalized the observance of what is now Black History Month; and

WHEREAS, following Woodson's declaration of Negro History Week in 1926, he established a theme to focus the attention of the public, which was supported by the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH); and

WHEREAS, Black History Month is celebrated every February as homage to the achievements of African Americans who have shaped American history – from Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to the first Black President and Vice-President of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Education (CDE) reported that in the 2024-25 school year, statewide enrollment of African American/Black students was 281,645 students, or 4.9 percent of total enrollment, and 3,889 students, or 1.7 percent, in Santa Clara County; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Office of Education partners with community-based organizations, including the [African American Community Service Agency](#), [Santa Clara County Alliance of Black Educators](#), and the [Black Leadership Kitchen Cabinet of Silicon Valley](#), to improve educational outcomes for African American students through school support programs (tutoring, after-school homework centers, mental health services, student advocacy) focusing on African American students in Santa Clara County schools; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Clara County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools do hereby adopt this resolution to recognize and honor the month of February as Black History Month.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the County Board of Education at a meeting held on January 21, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: Raeena Lari, Maimona Afzal Berta, Don Rocha, Jessica Speiser, Jorge Pacheco, Tara Sreekrishnan

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Victoria Chon



Victoria Chon, President
Santa Clara County Board of Education



Dr. David M. Toston, Sr.
County Superintendent of Schools