



**RESOLUTION  
RECOGNIZING AND HONORING BLACK HISTORY MONTH  
2019 THEME: BLACK MIGRATIONS**

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
RESOLUTION No. 2236-1**

**WHEREAS**, the 2019 theme for Black History Month, “Black Migrations,” emphasizes the movement of people of African descent to new destinations and subsequently to new social realities. While inclusive of earlier centuries, this theme focuses mainly on the twentieth century through today; and

**WHEREAS**, The 20<sup>th</sup> century was a time of social upheaval and progress including a Civil Rights Movement against discrimination in education, segregation, and voting to grant equal rights and access for African Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, this movement sparked other subsequent human rights movements thereby producing major legislation reforming American society toward a more equitable, diverse, and inclusive population; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Office of Education operates under four principles, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Partnership;

**WHEREAS**, the California Department of Education reported, in the 2017-18 school year, there were more than 531,000 students of African American descent in California and approximately 5,061 in Santa Clara County; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Department of Education reported, in the 2017-18 school year, of the 410 African American students that graduated with a diploma, only 132 met UC/CSU requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Office of Education partners with community-based organizations, including the Santa Clara County Alliance for 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) targeting African-American students in Eastside Schools in particular and in Santa Clara County schools in general; and

**WHEREAS**, remaining hopeful and confident about the path ahead, and a time to acknowledge the courageous fight for the rights, liberties, and freedoms for all Americans, the Santa Clara County Board of Education observes and honors Black History Month and encourages educators, students, and families to learn about the heritage and achievements of African-Americans through appropriate programs and activities that reflect the theme for 2019;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Santa Clara County Board of Education and County Superintendent of Schools does hereby adopt this resolution to honor Black History Month and recognize the tremendous contributions made by African-Americans.

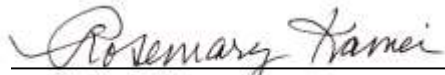
**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Santa Clara County Board of Education at a meeting held on February 6, 2019, by the following vote:

AYES: President Kamei, Vice President Song, Trustees Di Salvo, King, Mah, Ortiz and Rossi

NOES: none

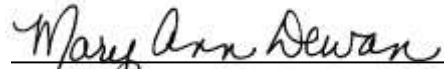
ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: none



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Rosemary Kamei, President  
Santa Clara County Board of Education



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Mary Ann Dewan, Ph.D.  
County Superintendent of Schools