

**RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING AND HONORING BLACK HISTORY MONTH
2018 THEME: AFRICAN AMERICANS IN TIMES OF WAR**

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION No. 2216-1**

WHEREAS, the 2018 theme for Black History Month, “African Americans in Times of War,” commemorates the centennial of the end of the First World War in 1918, and explores the complex meanings and implications of this international struggle and its aftermath; and

WHEREAS, The First World War was initially termed by many as “The Great War,” “The War to End All Wars,” and the war “to make the world safe for democracy”; and

WHEREAS, education plays a critical role in supporting a strong democracy and there are 5,300 African American students in Santa Clara County schools and data shows only 31% of African American students in the county completed the requirements the University of California/California State University requirements; and

WHEREAS, the County Office of Education works with community-based organizations like the Santa Clara County Alliance for Black Educators and the Black Leadership Kitchen Cabinet of Silicon Valley to change 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, The SCCOE is partnering with First 5 of Santa Clara County and the Black Leadership Kitchen Cabinet to conduct a countywide assessment of the achievement of African American youth in the our county; and

WHEREAS, the County Office of Education provides support for 250 Greene Scholars and 1,000 Project Word students, both which directly serve African American students and their families and promotes achievement and a college going culture; 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 2018:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that 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.

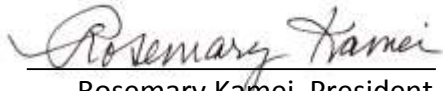
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Clara County Board of Education at a meeting held on February 7, 2018, by the following vote:

AYES: President Kamei, members Di Salvo, Song, Rossi, Mah, and Green

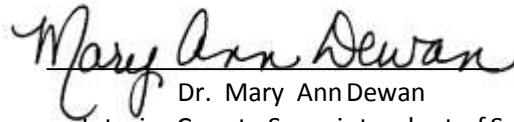
NOES: -none-

ABSTAIN: -none-

ABSENT: -none-



Rosemary Kamei, President
Santa Clara County Board of Education



Dr. Mary Ann Dewan
Interim County Superintendent of Schools