

VENTURA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT



RESOLUTION NO. 2015-03

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, in 1776, the Declaration of Independence recognized the United States of America as a new nation dedicated to the proposition 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, in 1863, President Abraham Lincoln, in reference to the Declaration of Independence, stated, “Four score and seven years ago, our fathers brought forth, upon this continent, a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal”; and

WHEREAS, the history of the United States includes injustices, inequalities, and the denial of basic, fundamental human and civil rights to African American men, women, and children; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month, celebrated in February, dates back to 1926 when Carter G. Woodson set aside a special period of time in February to recognize the heritage and achievement of black Americans; and

WHEREAS, Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman, Booker T. Washington, Jackie Robinson, Thurgood Marshall, Rosa Parks, Malcolm X (also known as El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz), Martin Luther King, Jr., and many other African Americans worked against racism to pave the way for future generations to succeed; and

WHEREAS, on November 4, 2008, and again on November 6, 2012, the people of the United States elected an African American man, Barack Obama, as President of the United States, and African Americans continue to serve the United States at the highest levels of the government and Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the contributions of African-American citizens as scientists, inventors, legislators, educators, explorers, and countless other professions have greatly benefited our nation; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month is an opportunity for all Americans to commemorate the struggles and victories of African Americans in our history, their invaluable contributions to society, and their unyielding dedication to the overall protection and defense of our nation in matters of both war and peace.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that Ventura County Community College District recognizes Black History Month, encourages all citizens to explore the rich and significant heritage of the African American community, and honors the vital role of African Americans in the economy, culture, and community throughout Ventura County and the United States.


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