



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item 7.1

Meeting Date: February 20, 2020

Subject: Approve Resolution No. 3125: Recognition of National Black History Month, February 2020

- Information Item Only
- Approval on Consent Agenda
- Conference (for discussion only)
- Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated: _____)
- Conference/Action
- Action
- Public Hearing

Division: Board Office

Recommendation: Approve Resolution No. 3125: Recognition of National Black History Month, February 2020.

Background/Rationale: February has been designated as National Black History Month. The Resolution recognizes the importance of culturally relevant curriculum that outlines the contributions of Black history and communities. It states that SCUSD must strive to develop a deeper understanding of the disproportionate hardships many Black students and community members face in today's society, and calls for the District to continue addressing such disparities through thoughtful and holistic policy, programming, information sharing, and outcomes in order to move towards greater equity in our educational system and the greater community.

Financial Considerations: None

LCAP Goal(s): College, Career, & Life-Ready Graduates; Safe, Emotionally-Healthy & Engaged Students; Family and Community Empowerment; and Operational Excellence

Documents Attached:

1. Resolution No. 3125

<p>Estimated Time of Presentation: 5 minutes Submitted by: Jessie Ryan, Board Member Approved by: Jorge A. Aguilar, Superintendent</p>

**SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**RESOLUTION NO. 3125:
RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH,
FEBRUARY 2020**

WHEREAS, the first event to recognize and celebrate Black history occurred during a week in February in 1926, encompassing the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, two key figures in the history of African Americans; and

WHEREAS, in 1976 the week-long celebration was extended to the entire month of February; and

WHEREAS, Carter G. Woodson, African-American historian, author, and journalist, who is credited for establishing Black History month, wrote: “if you teach the Negro that he has accomplished as much good as any other race, he will aspire to equality and justice without regard to race;” and

WHEREAS, National Black History Month is a national tradition established in response to the inadequate and often times biased depiction of black history and African American communities in history books and schools curricula of the era; and

WHEREAS, African Americans helped develop our nation in countless ways, those recognized, unrecognized, and unrecorded; and

WHEREAS, the contributions of African American citizens, scientists, inventors, educators, farmers, homemakers, elected officials, clergy, entertainers, athletes, and explorers of earth and sky, have been recognized annually during National Black History Month; and

WHEREAS, African American citizens have participated, and continue to, in every American effort to secure, protect, and maintain the essence and substance of American democracy; and

WHEREAS, National Black History Month is a vehicle to promote culturally-relevant activities and scholarship at Sacramento City Unified School District to focus ways to close health, opportunity, and achievement gaps for black students, employees, and families; and

WHEREAS, not only during the month of February, but throughout the remainder of this year, it is important that Sacramento City Unified School District seek to understand how to thoughtfully and holistically address African American disparities in educational outcomes, degree and certificate completion, and diversity hiring in order to move towards greater equity in our educational system and the larger community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education does hereby recognize the month of February as Black History Month and supports the important work and services provided by campus staff, managers, administrators, and residents throughout the District and across the nation;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education will encourage all staff and

members of the community to recognize and celebrate National Black History Month through culturally relevant activities and programming.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education on this 20th day of February, 2020, by the following vote:

A YES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

ATTESTED TO:

Jessie Ryan
President of the Board of Education

Jorge A. Aguilar
Superintendent