

SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item <u>9.2</u>

Meeting Date: February 2, 2023

Subject: Approve Resolution No. 3305: Recognition of National Black History Month, February 2023

Division: Human Resources Services

Recommendation: Approve Resolution No. 3305: Recognition of National African American History Month, February 2023.

Background/Rationale: February has been designated as National African American History Month. The Resolution recognizes the importance of culturally relevant curriculum that outlines the contributions of African America history and communities. It states that SCUSD must strive to develop a deeper understanding of the disproportionate hardships many African American 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: N/A

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. 3305

Estimated Time of Presentation: 5 min Submitted by: Cancy McArn, Ed.D, Chief Human Resources Officer Approved by: Jorge A Aguilar, Superintendent

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RESOLUTION No. 3305

RECONITION OF NATIONAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH FEBRUARY 2023

WHEREAS, Carter G. Woodson founded the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) in 1915, which stimulated one the largest grassroots movement in the history of Black American education; and

WHEREAS, On February 1926, Carter G. Woodson, the father of Black history week, celebrated the history and contribution of the Black people in Black elementary schools, the Black press, and Black community; and

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

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

WHEREAS, African Americans have historically fought hard for public schooling and the rights of their children to receive a quality education, despite forms of racial discrimination. African American parents know how important academic success is to the growth and well-being of their children; and

WHEREAS, over ten years ago, St. Paul Public School in Minnesota started hosting a National African American Involvement Day on the second Monday of February; and

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

WHEREAS, not only during the month of February but throughout the remainder of this year, Sacramento City Unified School District must seek to understand how to thoughtfully and holistically address African American disparities in educational outcomes, degree and certificate completion, and diversity hiring 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 Black Parent Involvement Day as important work and services provided by the community, parents, students, and staff, s 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 parent involvement in Black Parent Involvement Day.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education on this 2nd day of February, by the following vote:

AYES: _____ NOES: _____ ABSTAIN: _____ ABSENT: _____

ATTESTED TO:

Chinua Rhodes President of the Board of Education Jorge A, Aguilar Superintendent