

# Proclamation

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

DESIGNATING

THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

AS

## “BLACK HISTORY MONTH”

IN SAN MATEO COUNTY

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RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisor of the County of San Mateo, State of California joins African Americans in County Government in recognizing and celebrating the many achievements and contributions made by African Americans;

WHEREAS, In 1915, Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson founded The Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. Through that Association, he began pressing for the establishment of Negro History Week as a way to bring national attention to the establishment of Negro History Week as a way to bring national attention to the accomplishments of African Americans. He hoped to neutralize the apparent distortions in Black history and to provide a more objective and scholarly balance to American and World history.

WHEREAS, in 1926, Dr. Carter G. Woodson's dream became a reality. He chose the second week of February for the observance because of its proximity to the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglas, two individuals whom Dr. Woodson felt had dramatically affected the lives of African Americans. And in 1976, the Association succeeded in expanding the observance, which then became Black History Month.

WHEREAS, The theme of National African American History Month for 2003 is “The Souls of Black Folk, A Centennial Reflection.” We celebrate the many achievements and contributions made by African Americans to our economic, cultural, spiritual, and political development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates the Month of February as Black History Month and call upon public officials, educators, librarians, and all of the people of the United States to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities that highlight and honor the myriad contributions of African Americans.

DATED: February 25, 2003

SUPERVISORS:

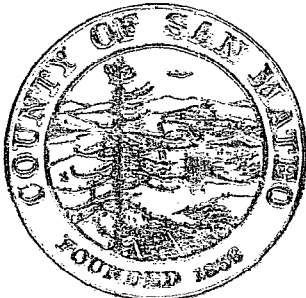
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