

# Proclamation

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA DESIGNATING FEBRUARY 2008 AS

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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WHEREAS, *Black History Month was originally established in 1926 by Dr. Carter G. Woodson, a noted African-American author and scholar; and*

WHEREAS, *Black History Month began as Dr. Woodson's hope that through this special observance, all Americans would be reminded of their ethnic roots, and that a feeling of togetherness between racial groups in the United States would develop out of mutual respect and equality for all; and*

WHEREAS, *Black History Month examines the collective ingenuity, creativity, cultural and political experience of Africans and those of African descent through a variety of programs, including lectures, exhibitions, cultural activities; and*

WHEREAS, *Black History Month, through these programs and activities, increases the public's awareness of the rich history of African-Americans; and*

WHEREAS, *San Mateo County is a diverse community that appreciates the contributions of African-Americans to the county and American history.*

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 2008 as *Black History Month.*

Dated: February 12, 2008

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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors