

MOUNTAIN VIEW LOS ALTOS HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 21-20

RECOGNIZING AND HONORING FEBRUARY AS
NATIONAL AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, American history testifies and reflects upon the challenges and struggles against which Black and African American people fought with determination, perseverance and cultural pride to gain access to equal opportunities as provided by our Nation's principles of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness and,

WHEREAS, Black and African American men and women have participated in every American's responsibility to protect the United States Constitution, and advance the cause of freedom and civil rights and,

WHEREAS, even after the 13th Amendment abolishing slavery in 1865 and the 14th Amendment granting citizenship and equal rights to African Americans and slaves in 1868, Black and African Americans continue to experience and overcome racism and discrimination to this day; and

WHEREAS, with the Civil Rights Movement and a growing awareness of Black identity, National African American History Month evolved to an annual celebration of achievements by Black Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of Black and African Americans in U.S. history; and

WHEREAS, the contributions of Black and African Americans from all walks of life and their endeavors to learn and thrive throughout history and make unforgettable contributions in our Nation as scientists, educators, business people, influential thinkers, political and governmental leaders, members of the faith community, community activists, artists and athletes reflects the greatness of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the recognition of the lives and legacies of Black and African American people compels us to continue combatting prejudice and resulting inequities in society; and,

WHEREAS, all students and teachers need an opportunity to better understand the common threads of African American people's faith, family and freedom to develop pride in their own identity and heritage, and to respect and accept the identity, diversity and heritage of others.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Mountain View Los Altos High School District hereby proclaims the month of February, 2021, as National African American History Month and encourages all educational communities to commemorate this occasion with appropriate instructional activities, programs and cultural events.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mountain View Los Altos High School District Board of Trustees at a meeting held on January 25, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: _____
NAYS: _____
ABSTENTIONS: _____
ABSENT: _____

Fiona Walter
President, Board of Trustees

Nellie Meyer, Ed.D.
Superintendent