

Resolution No. 2022 –

RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 2022 AS THE MONTHLONG CELEBRATION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN SOLANO COUNTY

WHEREAS, in 1976, as part of the nation's bicentennial, Black History Week was expanded and became established as Black History Month, and Americans of all walks of life have come together since then during the month of February to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history; and

WHEREAS, these accomplishments are the more remarkable for having been won at the cost of great struggle and sacrifice by women and men who came to these shores in chains, and by their descendants; and

WHEREAS, African Americans were enslaved in this country, however they did not board slave ships as slaves; they were Kings, Queens, Heads of State, healers, doctors, scientists, librarians, educators, and entrepreneurs throughout the African Diaspora; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month seeks to emphasize Black history and its cultural contributions to American life, and is designed to recognize and pay tribute to the many contributions of African Americans to the history, society, and culture of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month celebrates the achievements of African Americans in the arts, civil rights, education, entertainment, government, history, law, literature, medicine, military, music, politics, science, sports, and other endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month is a time for all Americans to remember the stories, teachings, suffering, and struggles of African Americans who gave a voice to the daily struggles for freedom, equality, diversity, equity, and inclusion; and

WHEREAS, the Solano County Library provides resources and programming specifically to educate the community on African-American history and culture during Black History Month and highlights books written by Black authors as suggested reads for its year-long Solano Reads reading challenge; and

WHEREAS, while we cannot ignore nor erase the consequences of our country's long and unfortunate history of violence, of discrimination, of systemic racism and inequities, and of deprivation of African Americans – we can commit to acknowledging our responsibility for those historic and systematic inequities, while working together to create a future that is inclusive and equitable for all; and

WHEREAS, the County of Solano takes great pleasure in recognizing Black History Month, and urges all residents to join in celebrating the accomplishments of African Americans and encourages the people of Solano County to recognize and appreciate the many talents, achievements, and contributions that African Americans make to their communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Solano County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the month of February 2022 as Black History Month, and furthermore acknowledges the historic accomplishments African Americans have achieved and the many ongoing contributions they make to our society and our local communities across Solano County.

Dated this 8th day of February, 2022

JOHN M. VASQUEZ, Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
BIRGITTA E. CORSELLO, Clerk
Solano County Board of Supervisors

Alicia Draves, Chief Deputy Clerk