

Resolution No. 2019 -

RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 2019 AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN SOLANO COUNTY

WHEREAS, Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of blacks in U.S. history; and

WHEREAS, since 1976, every U.S. president has designated the month of February as Black History Month; and

WHEREAS, other countries around the world, including Canada and the United Kingdom, also devote a month to celebrating Black History; and

WHEREAS, the month of February includes many historical milestones in black history, including civil rights leader and NAACP co-founder W.E.B DuBois was born on February 23, 1968; on February 3, 1870, the 15th amendment, which prohibited discrimination in voting on the basis of race, was passed; on February 12, 1909, the NAACP was founded and on February 1, 1960, a courageous group of black college students challenged segregation by beginning a sit-in at a segregated Woolworth's lunch counter in Greensboro, NC; and

WHEREAS, in September 1915, the Harvard-trained historian Carter G. Woodson and the prominent minister Jesse E. Moorland founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH), an organization dedicated to researching and promoting achievements by black Americans and other peoples of African descent; and

WHEREAS, known today as the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), the group sponsored a national Negro History week in 1926, choosing the second week of February to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass; and

WHEREAS, the 1926 event proved so impactful that it inspired schools and communities nationwide to organize local celebrations, establish history clubs and host performances and lectures; and

WHEREAS, ASALH's 2019 theme Black Migrations emphasizes the movement of people of African descent to new destinations and subsequently to new social realities, and while inclusive of earlier centuries, this theme focuses especially on the twentieth century through today.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors recognizes February 2019 as Black History Month in Solano County and calls upon all residents to take part in programs and celebrations to commemorate Black History month in the community.

Dated this 5th day of February, 2019

ERIN HANNIGAN, Chairwoman
Solano County Board of Supervisors

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

By: _____
Jeanette Neiger, Chief Deputy Clerk