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RESOLUTION NO. 36 AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH FEBRUARY 2021

WHEREAS, Americans of African descent helped develop our nation in countless ways, those recognize, unrecognized, and unrecorded; and,

WHEREAS, African American History reflects a determined spirit of perseverance and cultural pride in its struggle to equally share in the opportunities of a nation founded upon the principles of freedom and liberty for all people; and

WHEREAS, African American citizens have participated in every American effort to secure, protect, and maintain the essence and substance of American democracy, as reflected by *California Education Code section 37221 (d)* which establishes March 5 as *Black American Day* to commemorate the anniversary of the death of Crispus Attucks, the first African American martyr of the Boston Massacre; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Education recognizes that each student needs an opportunity to understand the common humanity underlying all people; to develop pride in his or her own identity and heritage; and to understand, respect, and accept the identity and heritage of others; and,

WHEREAS, the history and contributions of African American citizens have been consistently overlooked, misinterpreted and undervalued in the curriculum of public education institutions prior to the Civil Rights Act of 1964; and,

WHEREAS, the *History-Social Science Framework for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grades Twelve* states that the history curriculum of community, state, region, nation and world must reflect the experiences of men and women and of different racial, religious, and ethnic groups and must be integrated at every level; now

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Education proclaims the month of February 2021 as African American History Month and encourages all schools to commemorate this occasion with appropriate instructional activities.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of February 2021.

Ms. Lizeth Vega, President
Board of Education



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