

Joint Resolution No. 17-1
San Mateo County Board of Education
and
San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools
State of California

6.b.

Endorsing February as National African-American History Month

Whereas, February has been designated as National African-American History Month; and

Whereas, the San Mateo County Board of Education and County Superintendent of Schools recognize and celebrate the contributions of African-American historical figures, leaders, teachers, parents, community activists, and students; and

Whereas, the theme for National African-American History Month in 2017 is "*The Crisis in Black Education*"; and

Whereas, the crisis in black education first began in the days of slavery when it was against the law for slaves to learn how to read and write; and

Whereas, throughout the last quarter of the twentieth century and continuing today, while progress has been made this crisis persists in neighborhoods where schools lack resources, exhibit achievement gaps, and provide benefits that are elusive to many black students; and

Whereas, it is important that every day, at every grade level, and in every content area, the curriculum reflects the experiences and contributions of men and women of diverse groups so each student has an opportunity to understand our common humanity; develop pride in his or her own identity and heritage; and understand, respect, and celebrate the identity and heritage of others;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the San Mateo County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools hereby observe February 2017 as National African-American History Month; and

Be It Further Resolved that the San Mateo County Board of Education and the San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools encourage all San Mateo County school districts to honor and commemorate National African-American History Month with appropriate instructional activities.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

SAN MATEO COUNTY
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Passed and Adopted on this
Eighteenth Day of January 2017

President
