

**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.

**SAN MATEO COUNTY  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

**SAN MATEO COUNTY  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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Passed and Adopted on this  
Eighteenth Day of January 2017

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