

**Berkeley Unified School District
Board of Education
RESOLUTION NO. 16-025**

Proclaiming February 2016 as
National African American History Month

WHEREAS, President Obama proclaimed February as National African American History Month in honor of Americans of African descent who helped develop our nation in countless ways, and in so doing, he called upon public officials, educators, librarians, and all the people of the United States to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities; and

WHEREAS, Berkeley Unified School District recognizes and celebrates the history and contributions of African American citizens who have been consistently overlooked and undervalued in the curriculum of public education institutions; and

WHEREAS, Berkeley Unified School District again affirms its commitment to appreciating, celebrating and valuing its African American students, and recognizes the importance of acknowledging the history, culture and struggles of our African American community; and

WHEREAS, the struggle against racism continues here in Berkeley as well as the rest of the world, Berkeley Unified School District has demonstrated a commitment to promoting education and community conversation on racial injustice, including the recently held African American Town Hall Meeting, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education encourages discussions, presentations, and projects relating to and enhancing the experience of African American History month; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that on this 10th day of February 2016, February 2016 be declared African American Month in the Berkeley Unified School District.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be distributed to all school sites and given a prominent place on the District's website.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of February 2016 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Judy Appel
Clerk, Board of Education