

PROCLAMATION:

MODESTO CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2020 AS NATIONAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, Black History Month is a time for all Americans to remember the stories, teachings, suffering, and struggles of African-Americans who gave a voice to the daily struggles for freedom, equality, diversity, equity and inclusion; and

WHEREAS, as a result of determination, hard work, and perseverance, African Americans have made valuable and lasting contributions in Modesto, Stanislaus County, the state of California, and the United States, achieving exceptional success in all aspects of society including business, education, politics, science, and the arts; and

WHEREAS, Modesto City Schools, as well as the entire Modesto community, are strengthened and enriched by the diversity of cultures and traditions that are an integral part of this great region and our rich, diverse social tapestry; and

WHEREAS, 81 years ago, Dr. Carter G. Woodson began the celebration of Negro History Week on February 12, 1926. The impact and significance of that celebration was expanded to a month in 1976, so this year marks the 44th Anniversary of Black History Month in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, Black History Month was formally adopted to honor and affirm the importance of Black History throughout our American experience, which goes back thousands of years and includes some of the greatest, most advanced and innovative societies in our history that we can all draw inspiration from; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month is a time for all Americans to remember the stories and teachings of those who helped build our nation, took a stance against prejudice to build lives of dignity and opportunity, advanced the cause of civil rights, and strengthened families and communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Modesto City Schools Board of Education does hereby proclaim the month of February 2020 as National Black History Month. Staff, students, parents and the community are encouraged to observe, recognize, and celebrate the culture, heritage, and contributions of Black Americans to our country, our state, our cities, and our schools.

Signed this 11th day of February, 2020.

Dr. Sara Noguchi, Secretary
Board of Education
Modesto City Schools