



# Board of Education

## AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

### **RESOLUTION NO. 21-22/31**

*Endorsing February 2022 as National African-American History Month  
to be Celebrated in all Schools of Lynwood Unified School District*

**WHEREAS**, the history of African-Americans here in the United States, as well as throughout the ages, is indeed unique and vibrant, and it is appropriate to celebrate this history during the month of February which has been proclaimed as African-American History Month; and

**WHEREAS**, the history of the United States is rich with inspirational stories of great men and noble women whose actions, words, and achievements have united Americans and contributed to the success and prosperity of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, among those Americans who have enriched our society are the members of the African-American community—individuals who have been steadfast in their commitment to promoting brotherhood, equality, and justice for all; and

**WHEREAS**, from the earliest days of the United States, the course of its history has been greatly influenced by Black heroes and pioneers in many diverse areas, from science, medicine, business, and education to government, industry, and social leadership; and

**WHEREAS**, the official, national, week-long celebration of African-American history initiated in February 1926 by noted Black scholar and historian Dr. Carter G. Woodson has expanded to a month-long observance during February; and

**WHEREAS**, each year, African-American History Month focuses on a theme of the history of the African-American people, and the theme for 2022 is "Black Health and Wellness", emphasizing the movement of people of African descent to new destinations and subsequently to new social realities; and

**WHEREAS**, many African Americans lived, toiled, and died in obscurity, never achieving the recognition those individuals deserved, and yet paved the way for future generations to succeed; and

**WHEREAS**, African Americans continue to serve the United States at the highest levels of business, government, and the military; and

**WHEREAS**, the story of African-Americans is a story of resilience and perseverance. It traces a people who refused to accept the circumstances under which they arrived on these shores, and it chronicles the generations who fought for an America that truly reflects the ideals enshrined in our founding documents. It is the narrative of slaves who shepherded others along the path to freedom and preachers who organized against the rules of Jim Crow, of young people who sat-in at lunch counters and ordinary men and women who took extraordinary risks to change our Nation for the better. During National African-American History

Month, we celebrate the rich legacy of African-Americans and honor the remarkable contributions they have made to perfecting our Union; and

**WHEREAS**, this annual designation prompts our diverse community to become aware of, recognize, and celebrate the many cultural, social, spiritual, and economic contributions of African-Americans to the United States, as well as to promote understanding and harmony among all people; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lynwood Unified School District provides its diverse student body with programs and services that emphasize ethnic pride, cultural sensitivity, positive intergroup relations, and cross-cultural commutations. Our comprehensive approach to ensuring the inclusion of the African American experience extends to our curriculum design. The work of the Equity Curriculum Inclusion task force will enable students to learn using a culturally inclusive approach that includes the use of the four tenets of the Social Justice Standards: Identity, Diversity, Justice, and Action; and

**WHEREAS**, during National African-American History Month, we pay tribute to the contributions of past generations and reaffirm our commitment to keeping the American dream alive for the next generation. In honor of those women and men who paved the way for us, and with great expectations for those to follow, let us continue the righteous cause of making America what it should be -- a Nation that is more just and more equal for all its people; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lynwood Unified School has woven into its curriculum the study of African-American History.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Board of Education of the Lynwood Unified School District approves Resolution No. 21-22/31, endorsing February as National African-American History Month to be celebrated in all of its schools.

**Passed and adopted** by the Governing Board of the Lynwood Unified School District on January 13, 2022.

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