

**Berkeley Unified School District  
Board of Education  
RESOLUTION NO. 17-053**

Proclaiming February 2017 as  
National African American History Month

**WHEREAS**, February is recognized as the 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; 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of February 2017, February 2017 be declared African American History 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of February 2017 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN: