

MOUNTAIN VIEW WHISMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 01-012524

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF RECOGNIZING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, members of the Mountain View Whisman School District Board of Education are honored to join communities across the country and recognize February 1, 2024, as the start of Black History Month; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month has been celebrated in the United States since 1926 when Carter G. Woodson established Negro History Week; and

WHEREAS, Africans were first brought involuntarily to the shores of the United States as early as the 17th century; and

WHEREAS, African Americans suffered enslavement and subsequently faced the injustices of lynch mobs, segregation, and denial of the basic and fundamental rights of citizenship; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, the vestiges of those injustices and inequalities remain evident in the society of the United States; and

WHEREAS, in the face of injustices, allies of all races in the United States have distinguished themselves with a commitment to the noble ideals on which our community was founded and have fought courageously for the rights and freedoms of African Americans and others; and

WHEREAS, the contributions of African Americans from all walks of life throughout the history of the United States reflect the greatness of this place;

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, on November 4, 2008, the people of the United States elected Barack Obama, an African-American man, as President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2015, Dr. Ayindé Rudolph began serving as Mountain View Whisman's first Black Superintendent; and

WHEREAS, the contributions and achievements of Black citizens are an important part of the core curriculum throughout the year. Black History Month provides an opportunity to highlight the unique contributions of the African American community that have too often been overlooked;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mountain View Whisman School District Board of Trustees pause to to acknowledge the courageous fight for civil rights, liberties, and freedoms for African Americans as a part of the observance of Black History Month and encourage educators, students, and families to learn about the heritage and achievements of African Americans through programming and activities that reflect the theme of allyship for the year; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mountain View Whisman School District Board of Trustees adopts Resolution No.01-012524 to encourage the celebration of Black History Month in the schools of the district with culturally-responsive activities and to acknowledge the significance of Black History Month as an important opportunity for all people in the United States to learn from the past and understand the experiences that have shaped our communities.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the Mountain View Whisman School District on this 25 day of January 2024 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Mountain View Whisman School District Board of Trustees at a regular meeting as stated above.

Vice President/Clerk
Board of Trustees
Mountain View Whisman School District