



RESOLUTION #24-25:20

**DESIGNATING FEBRUARY
AS NATIONAL AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH**

WHEREAS, Americans of African descent helped develop our nation in countless ways, those recognized, unrecognized, and unrecorded; and

WHEREAS, African American history reflects a determined spirit of perseverance and cultural pride in its struggle to share equally in the opportunities of a nation founded upon the principles of freedom and liberty for all people; and

WHEREAS, African American citizens have participated in every American effort to secure, protect, and maintain the essence and substance of American democracy, as reflected by California Education Code Section 37221 (d), which establishes March 5 as Black American Day to commemorate the anniversary of the death of Crispus Attucks, the first African American martyr of the Boston Massacre; and

WHEREAS, the California State Board of Education recognized in its Policy Statement on Multicultural Education that each student needs an opportunity to understand the common humanity underlying all people, to develop pride in his or her own identity and heritage, and to understand, respect, and accept the identity and heritage of others; and

WHEREAS, the history and contributions of African American citizens have been consistently overlooked, misinterpreted, and undervalued in the curriculum of public education institutions prior to the Civil Rights Act of 1964; and

WHEREAS, the History-Social Science Framework for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve states that the history curriculum of community, state, region, nation, and world must reflect the experiences of men and women and of different racial, religious, and ethnic groups and must be integrated at every level; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education has proclaimed the month of February as National African American History Month and encourages all educational communities to commemorate this occasion with appropriate instructional activities;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Azusa Unified School District designates February as "National African American History Month." The Board of Education calls on the residents of Azusa and the greater San Gabriel Valley to join

schools and communities across the nation in celebrating and promoting achievements and contributions made by African Americans.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Education of the Azusa Unified School District, this 14th day of January 2025, by the following vote:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

I, Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña, Clerk of the Board of Education, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly passed and adopted by said Board of Education at a regularly called and conducted Board of Education meeting held on said date.

Yolanda Rodriguez-Peña,
Clerk of the Board of Education