

SAN RAMON VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
699 Old Orchard Drive, Danville, California 94526

RESOLUTION NO. 34/14-15
IN SUPPORT OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH
FEBRUARY 2015

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

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

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;

WHEREAS, the California State Board of Education recognizes in its Multicultural Education Policy that each student needs an opportunity to understand the common humanity underlying all people;

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 which is integrated at every grade level;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Ramon Valley Unified School District Board of Education supports the month of February 2015 as *African American History Month* and encourages all schools to commemorate this time with appropriate instructional activities.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the following called vote this 13th day of January 2015.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABTAINED:

Mary C. Shelton
Secretary to the Board of Education of the
San Ramon Valley Unified School District
of Contra Costa County, State of California

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