



**Yolo County Board of Education and
Yolo County Superintendent of Schools**

**Resolution #23-24/25
Black History Month – February 2024**

WHEREAS, the story of African Americans begins with ancient African history, and is one of strength, suffering, courage, triumph, and contribution to world history; and

WHEREAS, the long journey from slavery and oppression through the struggle for equality and justice helps shape our national experience; and

WHEREAS, in 1926, the respected historian, Carter G. Woodson, initiated “Negro History Week” in order to increase public appreciation for the important role African Americans have played in American history; in 1976, the month-long celebration was implemented, and is a time for Americans to reflect on the contributions of African Americans to the growth and development of this country and their past and current status in this country and the world; and

WHEREAS, the month of February is significant and recognized in African American history for the birthdays of great African American pioneers and institutions, including the birthdays of Frederick Douglass, W.E.B. DuBois, Langston Hughes, Eubie Blake, and the NAACP; and

WHEREAS, this month, we also celebrate the lasting influence of courageous individuals like Rosa Parks and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who led the way in the struggle against racism and segregation and whose efforts helped open the doors of opportunity for millions of their fellow Americans; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate Black History Month, we remember these and many other African Americans who have enriched our national life and shaped our national character, challenging us to recognize that America’s racial, cultural, and ethnic diversity will be among our greatest strengths in the 21st century.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Yolo County Board of Education is proclaiming February as “Black History Month” and encourages its students, staff, and administration to participate in meaningful activities that recognize the contributions of African Americans to the community, state, and nation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Yolo County Board of Education and the Yolo County Superintendent of Schools will work collaboratively with staff, students, and families to dismantle institutionalized racism in our society and school districts.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Yolo County Board of Education and the Yolo County Superintendent of Schools at a meeting held on January 23, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: Esquivel, Salud-Ambriz, Yip, Zendejas

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Moreno



Shelton Yip, President
Yolo County Board of Education



Garth Lewis
Yolo County Superintendent of Schools