



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

**Resolution #22-23/33  
African American History Month – February 2023**

**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 National African American 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 21<sup>st</sup> century.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Yolo County Board of Education is proclaiming February as “African American 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 will work tirelessly and collaboratively with staff, students, and families to dismantle institutionalized racism in our society and school districts.

unaccompanied minors, migrant or seasonal workers, possess special education needs, and/or have had contact with the juvenile justice system; and

**WHEREAS**, everyone who is part of the school community—administrators, school counselors, nurses, other mental health professionals, teachers, bus drivers, maintenance personnel, food service staff, resource officers, and other school community members—has the potential to be an advocate for children who have been exploited; and

**WHEREAS**, YCOE works with community partners, such as Empower Yolo, to provide education on the availability of services and resources available to survivors and the wider community in general; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Yolo County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools stand in solidarity with staff, partners, community members, and all local agencies working to eliminate and address the commercial sexual exploitation crisis that exists in Yolo County and our Sacramento region.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Yolo County Office of Education is committed to equipping local school districts and educational leaders with the resources to have an authentic dialogue around the issue of commercial sexual exploitation of children and youth in Yolo County.

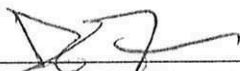
**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Yolo County Board of Education and the Yolo County Superintendent of Schools at a meeting held on January 10, 2023 by the following vote:

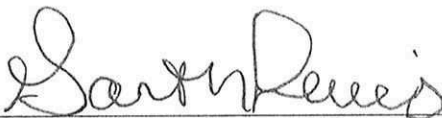
AYES: Esquivel, Salud Ambriz, Yip, Zendejas

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: *moreno*

  
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Tico Zendejas, President  
Yolo County Board of Education

  
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Garth Lewis  
County Superintendent of Schools