

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
BOARD ACTION SUMMARY

DEPT: Board of Supervisors

BOARD AGENDA #: *A-5

AGENDA DATE: January 24, 2017

SUBJECT:

Approval to Proclaim February 2017 as Black History Month in Stanislaus County

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2017-24

On motion of Supervisor Monteith, Seconded by Supervisor Withrow
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: Olsen, Withrow, Monteith, DeMartini, and Chairman Chiesa

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) Approved as recommended

2) Denied

3) Approved as amended

4) Other:

MOTION:

ATTEST: Elizabeth A. King
ELIZABETH A. KING, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

File No.

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AGENDA ITEM**

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Urgent Routine



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CEO CONCURRENCE: _____

4/5 Vote Required: Yes No

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STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Proclaim February 2017 as Black History Month in Stanislaus County.

CONTACT PERSON:

Elizabeth King, Clerk of the Board

Phone number: 209-525-4494

**PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 2017 AS
BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN STANISLAUS COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Black History Month is a time set aside to learn, honor, and celebrate the achievements of black men and women throughout history in America; and,

WHEREAS, the origins of Black History Month can be traced to the scholar Carter G. Woodson, who in 1926 conceived of a yearly celebration to help rectify the omission of African Americans from history books; and,

WHEREAS, the story of America cannot be told without including the contributions and places where African Americans have made history; and,

WHEREAS, the Association for the Study of African American Life & History has selected The Crisis in Black Education as the theme for 2017; and,

WHEREAS, the theme for 2017 focuses on the crucial role of education in the history of African Americans. ASALH's founder Carter G. Woodson once wrote that "if you teach the Negro that he has accomplished as much good as any other race he will aspire to equality and justice without regard to race."; and,

WHEREAS, the historic home of Moses Rodgers can be found in Stockton. Moses Rodgers was born a slave and came to California during the Gold Rush where he became an expert in mining, purchased several mines in Mariposa County, and was politically active; and,

WHEREAS, over a century ago Colonel Allen Allensworth and four other settlers created a town in the southern San Joaquin Valley that was founded, financed, and governed by African Americans. Their vision was to establish an abundant and prosperous community where "hard work, dedication, and faith would allow them and their children the opportunity to control their own discrimination-free destiny"; and,

WHEREAS, the Dunbar Hotel (also known as Hotel Somerville) located in Los Angeles has hosted many important meetings for the National Association for the Advancement of Color People (NAACP) and has been the venue for a number of jazz legends: Louis Armstrong, Dizzie Gelespie, Lena Horn, and Ray Charles; and,

WHEREAS, from coast to coast America is full of hallowed grounds where the imprints of African Americans resonate. These sites act as a reminder of the many challenges African Americans have endured and the many contributions that African Americans have made.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim February 2017 as Black History Month and urge all citizens, public officials, educators, and librarians to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.