

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

DEPT: Board of Supervisors

BOARD AGENDA:6.A.3  
AGENDA DATE: January 23, 2018

**SUBJECT:**

Approval to Proclaim February 2018 as Black History Month in Stanislaus County

**BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-0043**

On motion of Supervisor Withrow \_\_\_\_\_, Seconded by Supervisor Chiesa \_\_\_\_\_  
and approved by the following vote,  
Ayes: Supervisors: Olsen, Chiesa, Withrow, Monteith, and Chairman DeMartini \_\_\_\_\_  
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, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

**File No.**

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CONSENT:

CEO CONCURRENCE: NO

4/5 Vote Required: No

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Proclaim February 2018 as Black History Month in Stanislaus County.

**CONTACT PERSON:**

Elizabeth King, Clerk of the Board

Phone number: 209-525-4494

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. 2018 February is Black History Month Proclamation

**PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 2018 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 (ASALH) has selected **African Americans in Times of War** as the theme for 2018; and,

WHEREAS, the ASALH writes “this is a theme filled with paradoxes of valor and defeat, of civil rights opportunities and setbacks, of struggles abroad and at home, of artistic creativity and repression, and of catastrophic loss of life and the righteous hope for peace. The theme suggests that contemporary conditions, past and present, give us cause for critical pause in our studies and deliberations to consider the specific and unique issues faced by African Americans in times of war”; 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 Gillespie, 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 2018 as Black History Month and urges all citizens, public officials, educators, and librarians to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.