

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH
RESOLUTION #2016-2017-007**

WHEREAS, Black History Month is in the United States a historic tradition beginning in 1926 when historian Carter G. Woodson and the Association of Negro Life and History dedicated the second week in February as “Negro History Week”;

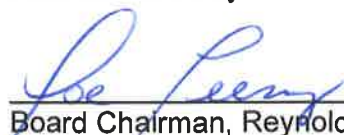
WHEREAS, In 1976, as part of the nation’s bicentennial, Black History Week was expanded and became established as Black History Month, and is now celebrated all over North America;

WHEREAS, The rich inventions, courage, resolve, and cultural influences delivered to the nation by African Americans have been traditionally recognized regionally by the state of Oregon;

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that all citizens reflect upon, cherish, and sustain the contributions that black individuals – both past and contemporary – have made to our nation: Marian Anderson; Maya Angelou; Louis Armstrong; Frederick Douglass; Mary McLeod Bethune; Colon Powell; Duke Ellington; Lou Gosset, Jr.; Alex Haley; Zora Neale Hurston; Barack Obama; Thurgood Marshall; Rosa Parks; Leontyne Price; Paul Robeson; Alice Walker; Phyllis Wheatley; and many more; and;

WHEREAS, Such people have sacrificed so that we may progress and be inspired during hard times, and encouraged to celebrate and rejoice during happy times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that Reynolds School District does hereby proclaim February 2017 as Black History Month. The struggles and achievements of African-Americans and their role in America’s history profoundly influences and enriches the culture of the United States. Reynolds School District acknowledges these contributions and reaffirms its ongoing commitment to building awareness and an inclusive society.



Board Chairman, Reynolds School District



Superintendent, Reynolds School District