



Resolution 2024-2025-013

Proclaiming the Celebration of Black History Month

WHEREAS, Black History Month is a historic celebration in the United States, 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 Black individuals have been historically recognized regionally by the state of Oregon;

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that all individuals reflect upon, cherish, and sustain the contributions that Black individuals – both past and present – have made to our nation. Educators and community leaders shape minds and empower future generations; healthcare professionals lead advancements that improve public health; entrepreneurs and innovators pave the way for economic empowerment; artists, musicians, and writers create works that enrich culture; and much more;

WHEREAS, Black individuals have endured significant struggles so that we may progress and be inspired during hard times, and encouraged to celebrate and rejoice during happy times;

WHEREAS the theme for Black History Month 2025 is “African Americans and Labor. “ It focuses on the various and profound ways that work and working of all kinds – free and unfree, skilled, and unskilled, vocational and voluntary – intersect with the collective experiences of Black people.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Reynolds School District does hereby proclaim February 2025 as Black History Month. The struggles and achievements of Black people 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.

Adopted this 22 day of January 2025.

Signed:

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Chair, Reynolds School Board of Directors

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Superintendent / Clerk