

**RESOLUTION  
OF THE GOVERNING BOARD  
OF THE SANTA BARBARA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

**Resolution No.9  
Celebrating Black History Month**

**WHEREAS**, the 2024 national theme of Black History Month is “African Americans and the Arts,” the Santa Barbara County Theme is “Black History: More Than a Month,” and SBCC’s theme is “Black Futures;” and

**WHEREAS**, we honor Carter G. Woodson who established Negro History week in 1926. His intention was to bring to the public’s attention the often overlooked and important developments by African Americans that merit emphasis, education, and understanding; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2024 themes reflect, still, the need to call attention to these merits, but extend beyond just 29 days this year and how people that identify in the African diaspora in the United States, Santa Barbara County, and at SBCC, celebrate their history, culture and futures year round; and

**WHEREAS**, Black History is a thread that connects us all and locally we are grateful to key figures who helped make our region stronger. The contributions of individuals like Horace McMillan, Anita Mackey, Valencia Nelson, Babatunde Fodayemi, William Downey, Grover C. Barnes, and Sojourner Kincaid Rolle helped to shape and make communities healthier; and

**WHEREAS**, Black History continues in the present as multi-generational efforts have been nurtured at SBCC by the Black Faculty and Staff Association (BFSA) and programs by UMOJA to community organizations including Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee of Santa Barbara, Endowment for Youth Community, Juneteenth Santa Barbara, NAACP Santa Barbara Chapter, Healing Justice Santa Barbara, and other amazing organizations taking up the mantle to continue the love and support for the community year-round; and

**WHEREAS**, the national theme is African Americans and the Arts. African American artists have used art to preserve history and community memory as well as for empowerment. Artistic and cultural movements such as the New Negro, Black Arts, Black Renaissance, hip-hop, and Afrofuturism, have been led by people of African descent and set the standard for popular trends around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, Black History is not just about the struggles that African Americans have been through, but rather it is a time of rejoicing, celebrating the accomplishments, integrity, leadership, and determination, and showing true character. We honor history and celebrate the progress that we have made. We are resilient and resolute in creating new opportunities for future generations.

**NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED**, by the Board of Trustees of the Santa Barbara Community College District, that the SBCC Community, effective January 18, 2024,

invites everyone to commemorate the contributions of African Americans in recognition of Black History and Black Futures this February 2024.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the Santa Barbara Community College District** this 18th day of January, 2024 by the following vote:

Aye: Trustees Abboud, Croninger, Everett, Miller, Stoddard, and Gullap-Moore

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Trustee Gallardo

Advisory: Student Trustee Kofoed



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Jonathan Abboud, President  
Santa Barbara Community College District  
Board of Trustees



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Erika Endrijonas, Ph.D.  
Superintendent/President and Secretary/Clerk  
to the Board of Trustees