

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

**Resolution No. 1
CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY & BLACK FUTURES MONTH**

WHEREAS, the month of February is nationally recognized as Black History Month, a time to honor and celebrate the significant contributions and achievements of Black/African American individuals throughout the history of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Black/African American individuals have made immeasurable contributions to the cultural, economic, scientific, educational, and political fabric of this nation, shaping its progress and enriching its heritage; and

WHEREAS, the state of California has benefited profoundly from the leadership, innovation, and resilience of Black/African American individuals in various fields, including civil rights, arts, education, and public service; and

WHEREAS, in South Santa Barbara County, Black/African American community members have played a vital role in advancing justice, equity, and opportunity, as well as fostering a spirit of inclusivity that strengthens the entire community. 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, at Santa Barbara City College we celebrate Black History & Black Futures Month as part of the commitment to foster an inclusive and equitable environment that celebrates diversity and supports the success of all students, particularly those from historically marginalized and underrepresented communities; and

WHEREAS, the SBCC Umoja Program exemplifies this commitment by creating a dedicated and empowering space for Black/African American students, promoting academic excellence, personal growth, and cultural pride; and

WHEREAS, the Umoja Program and the Black Faculty and Staff Association provide invaluable mentorship, resources, and support to students, helping them to achieve their educational and professional goals and become future history makers who will leave a lasting impact on their communities and beyond; and

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the Santa Barbara Community College District, that the SBCC Community, effective January 16, 2025, invites everyone to commemorate the contributions of African Americans in recognition of Black History and Black Futures this February 2025.

The foregoing **RESOLUTION** was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Santa Barbara Community College District at a meeting of the Board duly called and held on the 16th day of January 2025, by the following vote, to wit:

Aye: Trustees Abboud, Black-Maertz, Croninger, Gullap-Moore, Morris, Richards, and Stoddard

No:

Abstain:

Absent:



Jonathan Abboud, President
Board of Trustees



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