

Black History Month – February 2025

WHEREAS, the Napa County Board of Supervisors proudly recognizes **February 2025** as **Black History Month** in Napa County. We celebrate the diversity of Black people in Napa County and the vast contributions of Black Americans to our county and country and recognize that Black history is American history, and that Black culture, stories, and triumphs are at the core of who we are as a Nation; and

WHEREAS, the theme for **Black History Month 2025**, “African Americans and Labor,” highlights the profound impact Black workers have had in building and sustaining the economic foundation of the United States, from enslavement to modern-day labor movements; and

WHEREAS, Black Americans have played a pivotal role in every aspect of the American workforce, contributing to industries such as agriculture, manufacturing, transportation, education, healthcare, and technology, often in the face of systemic discrimination and economic injustice; and

WHEREAS, despite barriers such as segregation, exclusion from labor unions, and unequal wages, Black Americans have organized and fought for workers’ rights, fair wages, and better working conditions, with leaders such as A. Philip Randolph, Dorothy Bolden, and Bayard Rustin paving the way for labor justice and civil rights; and

WHEREAS, Napa Valley is known for the development of a beautiful agricultural landscape, which has relied not only on science and artistic design, but also vision and hard work to become successful, and we want to recognize our Black owned wineries and other Black workers and entrepreneurs for their creativity in our valley; and

WHEREAS, today and every day, we celebrate African Americans and Labor, and encourage all people to recognize and confront systemic racism in our neighborhoods and the wider community by standing in the gap at every opportunity, bridging barriers with fearlessness and determination to combat racism and intolerance and improve representation of Black people, not only in the workplace but in all facets of our society.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that this Board of Supervisors, County of Napa, State of California, on this 4th day of February 2025, does hereby recognize **February 2025** as **Black History Month** in Napa County, and we call upon the people of Napa County to observe this month by engaging in programs, activities and reflections and to continue our efforts to create a community that is more just, equitable and prosperous for all.

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