

Proclamation

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS | NAPA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Black History Month – February 2024

WHEREAS, the Napa County Board of Supervisors proudly recognizes February 2024 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, we celebrate this year's Black History Month theme of "African Americans and the Arts," by shining a light on visual and performing arts, literature, fashion, folklore, language, film, music, architecture, culinary and other forms of cultural expression in which the African American influence has been paramount; and

WHEREAS, art has played a tremendous role in our country's philosophy and wouldn't be as vibrant without the contribution of Black Americans. For Black Americans, art was and is still used for expression and storytelling in a way like no other culture. Whether it's food, music, theater or literature, art has been an illustration of survival, resilience, and resistance for Black Americans. America has learned a great deal from Black Americans' creativity, talent, and gifts; and

WHEREAS, Black artists have faced discrimination for centuries and still manage to heal from racial trauma through their art. They have improved and uplifted our country in many ways, and we in Napa County want to acknowledge and recognize the contribution they've made to this Nation; and

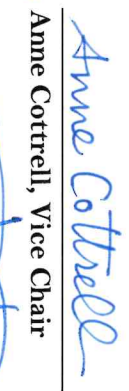
WHEREAS, Napa Valley is known for the development of a beautiful agricultural landscape, which has relied not only on science but artistic design to become successful, and we want to recognize our Black owned wineries and other Black artists and entrepreneurs for their creativity in our valley; and

WHEREAS, today and every day, we celebrate African Americans and the Arts, 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 arts but all facets of our society.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that this Board of Supervisors, County of Napa, State of California, on this 6th day of February 2024, does hereby recognize **February 2024** 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.



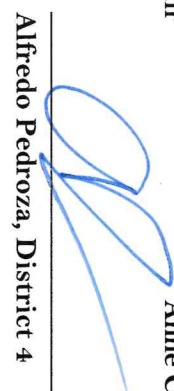
Joelle Gallagher, Chair



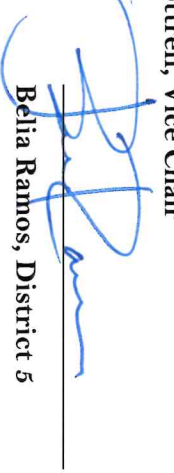
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