



**DIVERSITY COALITION
SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY**

**Resolution sent to SLO County Board of Supervisors
proclaiming February 2023 as Black History Month in the
County of San Luis Obispo.**

**Resolution set to be included in the Consent Agenda of the February 28
Board of Supervisors Meeting.**

Meeting starts at 9am at the County Government Center. Opportunity to provide
public comment will be available.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, Black History Month is celebrated every February as tribute to the achievements of African Americans who have shaped American history from 1619 to the election of the first Black President and Vice-President of the United States of America in 2008 and 2020, respectively, and beyond; and

WHEREAS, a week was chosen in February of 1926 to celebrate Black History as it acknowledged the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln on Feb. 12 and of Frederick Douglass on Feb. 20, both of whom were recognized as champions of freedom and equality for all people; and

WHEREAS, in the late 1960s America experienced the Civil Rights Movement and prominent civil rights activists supported the evolution of the week into an entire month; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month is now celebrated in the United States during the month of February and is promoted by a yearly theme, which for 2023 is, "Black Resistance"; and

WHEREAS, despite the African slave trade that created an institution of slavery in this nation, African Americans have nonetheless continued to persevere and move forward in society, fighting for their freedom and equality and for the freedom of all Americans; and

WHEREAS, African Americans have played a pivotal role in the history and shaping of America and whose contributions should not be understated or marginalized; and

WHEREAS, African Americans have been pivotal in the creation of a massive number of inventions and are recognized for achievements in education, social services, public safety, health, business, fine arts, entertainment, science, politics, law, engineering, and technology; and

WHEREAS, African Americans have continually enriched and contributed to our society through their longstanding commitment to resilience, justice, equality, civil rights, and economic and social equality for all; and

WHEREAS Black history is a part of American history and as leaders we have a responsibility to uplift the role and contributions of African Americans in history throughout the entire year, including embracing aspects of African American history that are all too often ignored; and

WHEREAS, the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors is committed to equity and advancing and nurturing the potential of African American and all people in career and community to improve their outcomes; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors do hereby adopt this resolution to recognize Black History Month, to honor the contributions of African Americans.