

**GOVERNING BOARD OF THE
OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

RESOLUTION NO. 1213-0148

Endorsing Creation of Martin Luther King Jr. Month

WHEREAS, Oakland Unified School District students from Oakland Technical High School in the Class of 1981 “The Apollos”, as juniors and seniors, were key players in the Political Action Committee (PAC) team that lead to the establishment of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day State Holiday, first observed in 1982, at least four years before the establishment of the National Holiday in Dr. King’s memory; and

WHEREAS, several members of the Oakland Technical High School Class of 1981, who were members of the PAC team, are now parents and teachers in the District and, along with others, believe that the legacy of Dr. King is very broad and that the “scope of the man” and his worldwide impact as a “symbol of man’s potential humanity”, deserves greater observance than one day in January annually; and

WHEREAS, there is currently an estimated three year drive or project underway, endorsed, among others by the United Educators of San Francisco, the City Council of Oakland, the Oakland Education Association, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors, the California Teachers Association, and the California Federation of Teachers, with an endorsement request pending with the National Education Association, to designate the month of January as Martin Luther King Jr. Month,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Board of the Oakland Unified School District hereby endorses the effort to have the legacy of Dr. King be observed and celebrated in each and every state and nationally during the entire month of January as “Martin Luther King Jr. Month.”

PASSED AND ADOPTED on April 24, 2013, by the Governing Board of the Oakland Unified School District by the following vote:

AYES: Jody London, Roseann Torres, James Harris, Vice President Jumoke Hinton Hodge, President David Kakishiba

NOES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Gary Yee, Christopher Dobbins

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted on the date and by the vote stated.



Edgar Rakestraw, Jr.

Secretary of the Governing Board
OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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