

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE  
OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Resolution No. 1213-0099**

**Celebration/Recognition – February 2013 – Black History Month**

**WHEREAS**, Black history is American history and the success of America is a tribute to all its people, regardless of race, creed or ethnicity; and

**WHEREAS**, Today's great figures represent only the latest chapter in a long narrative that, all too often, we fail to honor appropriately in this country; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1926 Carter G. Woodson founded Black History Month - which was just a week at the time - to celebrate the accomplishments of great men and women such as Frederick Douglass, W.E.B. Dubois, Sojourner Truth, Mary McLeod Bethune and many others too numerous name; and

**WHEREAS**, Woodson also hoped to shed light on the achievements of ordinary men and women whose quiet successes have helped advance their people and this country; and

**WHEREAS**, Carter himself lived an inspirational life as the son of former slaves who spent his childhood working in Kentucky coal mines and enrolled in high school at age twenty before earning a Ph.D. from Harvard; and

**WHEREAS**, It is historical figures such as Carter, and real-life figures across the country and in Oakland schools today that can serve as role models for our children; and

**WHEREAS**, The path to success is rarely easy, but has been traveled time and again by those determined to conquer the odds; and

**WHEREAS**, It is the lesson of hard work and perseverance that Oakland Unified School District celebrates as it strives to prepare - students to both expect and to achieve success,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education and the Superintendent designate February 2013 as Black History Month in the Oakland Unified School District to honor this unique chapter of the multilayered American story.

Given under our hand and the District's seal this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February 2013 at Oakland, California.

David Kakishiba  
President, Board of Education  
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