



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, more than twenty years ago, African American History legislation was passed and the African American History Task Force was established in Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Education's African American History Task Force is an advocate for Florida school districts, teacher education training centers, and the community at large, in supporting their efforts to implement the teaching of the history of African peoples and the contributions of African Americans to society; and

WHEREAS, the African American History Task Force works to ensure awareness of the requirements to teach the history of African peoples, identify and recommend needed state education leadership and action, assist in the adoption of instructional materials by the state, and build supporting partnerships;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Board of Escambia County, Florida does hereby endorse and support the mission and goals of the African American History legislation and the work of the African American History Task Force, as they advocate for all of Florida's students in the teaching and learning of the history of African Americans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the regular meeting of said Board and a copy be tendered to the Director of the Florida School Boards Association.

Adopted this 20th day of January, 2015

Patricia Hightower, Chair
School Board of Escambia County

ATTEST:

Malcolm Thomas, Superintendent
School District of Escambia County