

## GLENDALE RIVER HILLS SCHOOL BOARD RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND HONORING BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2025

WHEREAS, Black History Month encourages society and schools to celebrate the history, contributions, achievements of Black Americans; and

WHEREAS, this observance permits society to re-examine its role in preserving the Civil Rights of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, schools should be places for the practice of equity, for the building of understanding, and for the active engagement of all in creating pathways to freedom and justice for all people; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, administrators, and educators of the Glendale River Hills School District have committed to stand by our Black and Brown students, staff, and families, to speak out against statements of bigotry, social injustice, discrimination, racism, and hate, and to continuously work on the development and implementation of strategies and best practices that dismantle racism, bigotry, and ethnic oppression within all aspects of our schools and school district; and

WHEREAS, it is important to to recognize and address disparities in student outcomes in order to move towards greater equity in our education system and the greater community; and

WHEREAS, the achievements of Black people have benefitted all humankind; and

WHEREAS, Black history is American history; and

WHEREAS, the history, achievements, and contributions of Black citizens were consistently overlooked and undervalued in public education institutions and curriculum prior to the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; and

WHEREAS, one month is not sufficient to honor all the history, achievements, and contributions of Black people in the United States; and we will continue to integrate Black History as an important part of our core curriculum throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, the Glendale-River Hills School District will continue its work providing resources to expand teacher knowledge around Black History for the purpose of engaging students in thinking critically about historical events and how they impact the current racial climate in America, preparing our students to be good global citizens and stewards through intentional engagement with diverse thoughts and experiences; and



NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Glendale River - Hills School District Board of Education proudly honors and recognizes the month of February, 2025 as: BLACK HISTORY MONTH, and encourages all members of our learning community to commemorate this occasion by offering and or participating in meaningful and appropriate activities that honor the collective experiences of Black Americans that profoundly enrich and strengthen the fabric of our multicultural democracy.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being all of the members of the Board of Education of the Glendale - River Hills School District, have executed this resolution this 5th day of February, 2025.

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