



RESOLUTION #2023-2024-011

**PROCLAIMING THE CELEBRATION OF
BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

WHEREAS, Black History Month is a historic celebration in the United States, beginning in 1926 when historian Carter G. Woodson and the Association of Negro Life and History dedicated the second week in February as “Negro History Week;”

WHEREAS, in 1976, as part of the nation’s bicentennial, Black History Week was expanded and became established as Black History Month, and is now celebrated all over North America;

WHEREAS, the rich inventions, courage, resolve, and cultural influences delivered to the nation by Black individuals have been historically recognized regionally by the state of Oregon;

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that all individuals reflect upon, cherish, and sustain the contributions that Black individuals – both past and contemporary – have made to our nation: Marian Anderson; Maya Angelou; Louis Armstrong; Mary McLeod Bethune; Frederick Douglass; Duke Ellington; Louis Gossett, Jr.; Alex Haley; Vice President Kamala Harris; Zora Neale Hurston; Thurgood Marshall; President Barack Obama; Colin Powell; Rosa Parks; Leontyne Price; Paul Robeson; Alice Walker; Phyllis Wheatley; and many more; and;

WHEREAS, such people have endured significant struggles so that we may progress and be inspired during hard times, and encouraged to celebrate and rejoice during happy times; now, therefore,

WHEREAS the theme for Black History Month 2024 is *Black and African Americans and the Arts*, celebrating a dynamic culture that has spread worldwide in the arts, music, literature, and film.

BE IT RESOLVED that Reynolds School District does hereby proclaim February 2024 as Black History Month. The struggles and achievements of Black people and their role in America’s history profoundly influences and enriches the culture of the United States. Reynolds School District acknowledges these contributions and reaffirms its ongoing commitment to building awareness and an inclusive society.

Adopted this 24th day of January 2024.

Signed:

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Chair, RSD District Board of Directors

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Superintendent/Clerk