

**New Haven Unified School District
Resolution No. 041-2526**

Black History Month
February 2026

WHEREAS, February is proclaimed as National Black History Month in honor of Americans of African ancestry who have helped develop our nation in countless ways; and

WHEREAS, the history and contributions of African American citizens have historically been overlooked and undervalued within public education curricula; and

WHEREAS, African Americans have consistently led efforts to advance justice and a system of governance that is truly “by the people, for the people,” as articulated in the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, African American communities continue to face injustices today and continue to advocate, organize, and participate in efforts to secure, protect, and sustain the principles of American democracy, as reflected in California Education Code section 37220(c), which establishes the third Monday in January as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day; Education Code section 37221(d), which establishes March 5 as Black American Day in honor of Crispus Attucks, the first African American martyr of the Boston Massacre; and Education Code section 37220(e), as well as the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act (Public Law 117-17), enacted June 17, 2021, which established Juneteenth as a federal holiday commemorating the emancipation of the last enslaved African Americans; and

WHEREAS, awareness of the systemic marginalization experienced by African American communities has increased in recent years due to tragic events such as the killing of George Floyd, the resurgence of the Black Lives Matter movement, and a renewed national focus on racial justice and equity, as reflected in Executive Order 13985, *Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities*; and

WHEREAS, the long and rich history of Americans of African ancestry predates the United States Constitution, and African American history does not begin with slavery but represents a continuum of resilience, achievement, and the enduring demand for recognition of shared humanity; and

WHEREAS, it is important that curriculum at every grade level reflects the experiences of Black people across diverse racial, religious, cultural, and ethnic identities, enabling students to understand our shared humanity, develop pride in their own identities and heritage, and learn to respect and value the identities, cultures, and histories of others;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the New Haven Unified School District recognizes and commemorates February as Black History Month and encourages appropriate instructional activities that honor the significant contributions of Americans of African ancestry in shaping our nation.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the New Haven Unified School District by the following vote on this 13th day of January, 2026.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Dr. John Thompson, Superintendent
New Haven Unified School District,
Alameda County, State of California