

PROCLAMATION

OF THE

MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 2024 AS “AFRICAN AMERICAN/BLACK HISTORY MONTH” IN MENDOCINO COUNTY

WHEREAS, This month, we pay homage to the rich history and contributions of Black Americans who have shaped our state and nation in countless ways through centuries of struggle and triumph. First proposed by scholar Carter G. Woodson in 1926, Black History Month lifts up to the Black experience in a fuller telling of Americas story; and

WHEREAS, This year’s theme, Black Americans and the arts, celebrates the profound and evolving impact of Black artistry on our culture, national identity and social movements that have spanned the world over. Through literature music, architecture, dance, film and every conceivable medium in between, Black artists and intellectuals have used their talents to honor their heritage and educate and inspire, and open minds and hearts; and

WHEREAS, Black art has been a powerful agent of change and social uplift throughout our nation’s history. Many and varied forms of creative expression have had a pivotal role in opening new dialogues, challenging us to examine hard truths, and inspiring us to work toward something better; and

WHEREAS, During Black History Month, let us draw inspiration from this legacy as we continue together on the path toward equality, liberty and opportunity for all. Our shared history shows us that we rise and fall together, an enduring lesson reflected in the words of Dr. Maya Angelou: “The truth is, no one of us can be free until everybody is free.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino, hereby proclaims February, 2024, as:

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COUNTY

Dated:

Maureen Mulheren, Chair