

PROCLAMATION

OF THE

MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 2025 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 selects a theme to highlight facets of history that merit particular attention; and

WHEREAS, This year’s theme, Black Americans and labor, examines the intersection of employment and work with the Black American experience. From the atrocity of slavery to the rich legacy of Black entrepreneurship, the profound impact of Black labor in building and shaping our nation cannot be overstated; and

WHEREAS, Americans and Californian history has no shortage of Black business owners, labor leaders, CEOs, workers and more. From the first years of California’s statehood, we have been home to change makers like Mary Ellen Pleasant, one of the first self-made Black millionaires in the country who owned numerous businesses and used her money to help fund the Underground Railroad and other abolition work; and

WHEREAS, Black communities and businesses have flourished throughout California. Black Americans have always contributed to our shared communities, our state, and our nation. In every role, from labor leaders to essential workers to CEOs, Black Californians have helped make this state of California the fifth-largest economy in the world, a leader in workers’ rights, and a state that stands for and supports workers and work across the board; and

WHEREAS, During Black History Month, let us reflect on our shared history, and draw inspiration from the progress made as we continue together on the path toward equality, liberty, and opportunity for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino, hereby proclaims February, 2025, as:

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COUNTY”

Dated:

John Haschak, Chair