PROCLAMATION OF THE MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 2021 AS "AFRICAN AMERICAN/BLACK HISTORY MONTH" IN MENDOCINO COUNTY

WHEREAS, African American/Black History Month was created by Carter G. Woodson in 1926 to highlight the contributions and accomplishments made to the history of our country that for years had been omitted; and

WHEREAS, these contributions and accomplishments are more remarkable for having been won at the cost of great struggle and sacrifice by men and women, who came to these shores in chains, and by their descendants; and

WHEREAS, the African American/Black community has persevered through hate and bigotry to stand up for their rights and the basic rights we are all entitled to: life, liberty, justice, and the pursuit of happiness; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 National Theme for African American/Black History Month observance is "The Black Family: Representation, Identity, and Diversity."

WHEREAS, during the month of February, our nation takes pause to reflect on the injustices and struggles fought and overcome by African American/Black people throughout our nation's history, and to pay tribute to them for their courage in fighting battles in the name of equality for all of us; and

WHEREAS, the County of Mendocino condemns racism in all its forms towards BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) including systemic, individual and institutional; and

WHEREAS, the County of Mendocino is proud to honor the history, contributions, and achievements of African Americans/Black people in our community, throughout our state and nation, and do hereby proclaim February 2021 as African American History Month; and encourage all residents to celebrate the county's diverse heritage and culture, and continue their efforts to create a world that is more just, peaceful, and prosperous for all

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino, hereby proclaims February, 2021, as: African American/Black History Month in Mendocino County.

Dated:

Dan Gjerde, Chair



