



Board of Trustees

Los Angeles Community College District

ACTION

Com. No. BT3

Division

Board of Trustees

Date: January 13, 2016

Subject: **RESOLUTION – BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

The following resolution is presented by Board Member Svonkin:

The month of February is officially designated as Black History Month.

WHEREAS, For more than 400 years, the presence of African-Americans in the United States has had an undeniable and profound impact upon its cultural, political, and social institutions; and

WHEREAS, For over 36 million people of African-American descent, the designation and observation of February as Black History Month represents the nation's acknowledgment of the contributions and continuing role of African-Americans within the United States; and

WHEREAS, Central to the role and history of African-Americans is the acquisition of a thorough and meaningful education which will provide the tools to design and control their own destiny, both economic and political; and

WHEREAS, Current figures and statistics indicate that there are still some challenges to sustaining enrollments of African-American students attending educational institutions, both pre- and postsecondary; and

WHEREAS, The "*avenue of equal opportunity access to education*" has been the basic premise around which the community colleges of California have acquired support and credibility; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District reaffirms its commitment to egalitarian principles inherent within the term "*community colleges*" by supporting and enhancing those services, programs, and courses which will encourage African-Americans and other ethnic groups to enroll and attain their identified goals; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District joins with the nation in celebrating February as Black History Month and encourages its colleges and student organizations to promote cultural awareness by featuring various programs, exhibits, and other relevant activities and by participating in events sponsored by local communities.

Chancellor and
Secretary of the Board of Trustees

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Hoffman _____	Svonkin _____
Kamlager _____	Anderson _____ Student Trustee Advisory Vote