

**RESOLUTION
OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
OF THE SANTA BARBARA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

**Resolution No. 5
HONORING APRIL AS INTERNATIONAL
BLACK WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**

WHEREAS, International Black Women's History Month is observed nationally during the month of April to celebrate the contributions of Black women to American history, culture, and society; and

WHEREAS, Black women have played a critical role in advancing the cause of civil rights, women's rights, and social justice, often without proper recognition for their achievements and sacrifices; and

WHEREAS, outstanding international figures such as President of Trinidad and Tobago Paula-Mae Weeks, Former President of Liberia Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, President of Ethiopia, Sahle-Work Zewde, Nobel Peace Laureate Leymah Gbowee, First Female President of Tanzania Samia Suluhu Hassan, Prime Minister of Barbados Mia Mottley, and Director General of the World Trade Organization Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, have prevailed and lead with determination; and

WHEREAS, notable national figures such as Harriet Tubman, Madam CJ Walker, Sojourner Truth, Rosa Parks, Angela Davis, Shirley Chisholm, Mary McLeod Bethune, Maya Angelou, and many others have paved the way for progress and change, inspiring generations with their leadership, courage, and resilience; and

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County has a rich history of influential and notable Black women such as Dr. Shirley Kennedy, Sojourner Kincaid Rolle, Anita Mackey, E. Onja Brown, Dianne Travis Teague, and many others; and

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara City College is committed to fostering a diverse and inclusive environment where the contributions of all individuals are valued and celebrated; and

WHEREAS, it is important to acknowledge and reflect on the specific challenges faced by Black women, and to honor their unique contributions to our nation and community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Santa Barbara Community College District hereby recognizes and honors April as International Black Women's

History Month and encourages the college community to participate in educational events and activities that celebrate the achievements and contributions of Black women.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be distributed to all college departments and be made available to the press and public to enhance community awareness and participation.

The foregoing RESOLUTION was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Santa Barbara Community College District at a meeting of the Board duly called and held on the 20th day of March, 2025, by the following vote, to wit:

Aye: Trustees Abboud, Black-Maertz, Croninger, Gullap-Moore, Morris, Richards, and Stoddard

No:

Abstain:

Absent:

Advisory: Student Trustee Tan



Jonathan Abboud, President
Board of Trustees



Erika Endrijonas, Ph.D.
Superintendent/President and
Secretary to the Board of Trustees