



**A RESOLUTION OF THE FLAGLER COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 2024 AS
BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

WHEREAS, the recognition of Black History Month is a time to salute and educate our students about the many contributions and sacrifices of Americans who are of African and Caribbean descent to our nation's culture and history; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate the establishment of Black History Month — which began on February 12, 1926, and expanded in 1976 as part of the nation's bicentennial — in recognition of the humanity and perseverance of a people who survived against incredible historical odds to help shape our future; and

WHEREAS, in educating the children in this public K-12 system, it is appropriate that all children learn about, reflect upon and cherish the contributions that citizens of African and Caribbean descent – both past and present – have made to our nation in the realms of the arts; business; civil rights; education; entertainment; military; music; law; literature; politics; religion; science; and much more; and

WHEREAS, the Flagler County School District celebrates Black History Month and the many contributions of Americans of African and Caribbean descent – both past and present- have made to our nation in the realms of the arts; business; civil rights; education; entertainment; military; music; law; literature; politics; religion; science; as well as many others who have demonstrated extraordinary courage, talent, and service to our schools as well as our community; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of National Black History Month was inaugurated by famed African American educator Carter G. Woodson in the attempt and purpose of establishing Black History to be woven into the fabric of the national academic and public education profile - a dream which took fifty years to become a reality; and

WHEREAS, In 2002, Dr. Jim Guines, the second African American to serve on the Flagler County School Board and Superintendent of Schools, Bill Delbrugge, began the African American Mentoring Program designed specifically to close the reading achievement gap for males. The girls' division was added in 2011. Since then, AAMP has served more than 1800 students from elementary to high school. Currently, there are 38 students participating in the program; and

WHEREAS, the individual and collective impact of Americans of African and Caribbean descent on this nation and world is far too great and expansive to recount; and

WHEREAS, the graduation rate for African American students continues to increase, which is indicative of our students and families accessing quality educational opportunities provided by our organization and using it as the foundation for a successful post-secondary career and quality life; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FLAGLER COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD that we designate the month of February 2024 as “*Black History Month*” in Flagler County Public Schools.

ADOPTED by the Members of the Flagler County School Board, Flagler County, Florida, at the regular open public meeting thereof, held on the ____ day of January 2024.



William Furry, Chair
School Board of Flagler County

LaShakia Moore, Superintendent
Flagler Schools