

**CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 28J BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025.26.0004**

**WHEREAS**, From February 1, 2026, through February 28, 2026, the United States celebrates National Black History Month; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1915, Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson, noted Black scholar and son of former slaves, founded the Association for the Study of African American Life and History and initiated Black History Week on February 12, 1926; and

**WHEREAS**, this year's National Black History Month marks 100 years of national observances dedicated to observing the role of Black history in American history and honoring the achievements of Black and African Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, during Black History Month, we celebrate the many achievements and contributions made by Black and African Americans to Oregon and the United States' economic, cultural, spiritual, and political development; and

**WHEREAS**, Black and African Americans have strengthened and uplifted all of America, leading in industries and movements for change, serving our communities and our nation at every level, and advancing every field from education to health, the arts & sciences, military & law enforcement, television, sports, business, and law; and

**AND WHEREAS**, the Centennial School District Board believes each and every student is to be celebrated and appreciated for the distinct and vibrant contributions made by sharing cultures, languages, ideas, beliefs and values within a school community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the members of the Board of Directors for the Centennial School District, hereby recognize February 1-28, 2026 as National Black History Month. We encourage staff, students, and the community to observe, recognize, and celebrate the culture, heritage, and economic contributions of Black and African Americans to Oregon and the United States through culturally relevant activities, and to learn from the past and understand the experiences that have shaped the United States.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Board urges staff, students, families, and communities of the Centennial School District to observe National Black History Month with programs, ongoing lesson plans, and activities that honor the histories, cultures, and contemporary lives of Black and African Americans, deepen understanding, and advance equity and inclusion.