



JUDSON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Meeting Date: January 22, 2026

Submitted By: Dr. Mary Duhart-Toppen
Title: Deputy Superintendent

Agenda Item: Consider and take action regarding approving the proclamation declaring February 2026 as Black History Month.

CONSENT ITEM

RECOMMENDATION:

To approve February 2026 as Black History Month.

IMPACT/RATIONALE:

The month of February 2026, is nationally recognized as Black History Month. In 1976, Black History Month was formally adopted to honor and affirm the importance of Black History throughout our American experience. The history of people of African heritage goes back thousands of years and includes some of the greatest, most advanced, and innovative societies in the history of human existence. Black Americans have played a significant role in the history of the United States from the early days of the pioneers to our present-day leaders in such industries as aerospace, finance, government, and international trade. During Black History Month all Americans are encouraged to reflect on the rich history and teachings of Black Americans and bear witness to the progress, beauty, and achievements they have made throughout our region. A folder of resources is available in the Social Studies curriculum folder on the JISD Intranet.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval/Disapproval



Black History Month Proclamation

Judson Independent School District Board of Trustees

WHEREAS, in 1976, Black History Month was formally adopted to honor and affirm the importance of Black History throughout our American experience; and

WHEREAS the history of people of African heritage goes back thousands of years and includes some of the greatest, most advanced, and innovative societies in the history of human existence; and

WHEREAS, Black Americans have played a significant role in the history of the United States from the early days of the pioneers to our present-day leaders in such industries as aerospace, finance, government, and international trade; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month is a time for all Americans to reflect on the rich history and teachings of African Americans whose contributions are vast and wide; and

WHEREAS, during Black History Month all Americans are encouraged to reflect on the rich history and teachings of Black Americans and bear witness to the progress, beauty, and achievements they have made throughout our region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, I, Monica Ryan, Board President of Judson Independent School District, do hereby proclaim the month of **February 2026** as **Black History Month** in Judson Independent School District. We encourage the celebration of the collective ingenuity, creativity, cultures, and traditions of Black Americans and encourage participation in educational events honoring the contribution of Black Americans. at all district campuses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the Judson Independent School District on this 22nd day of January 2026

Ms. Monica Ryan, Board President

Ms. Lesley Lee, Board Secretary

