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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF FRESNO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 26-050

**PROCLAIM FEBRUARY 2026 AS BLACK)
HISTORY MONTH IN THE COUNTY OF FRESNO)**

WHEREAS, February 2026 marks the 100th anniversary of Black History Month, first established in 1926 by historian Dr. Carter G. Woodson as Negro History Week, and later expanded to a month-long national observance to ensure that the history, achievements, and contributions of African Americans are recognized, preserved, and celebrated; and

WHEREAS, the Association for the Study of African American Life and History has designated the 2026 theme as "A Century of Black History Commemorations," honoring one hundred years of intentional efforts to uplift Black history, strengthen cultural identity, foster pride, and advance equity through education and public awareness; and

WHEREAS, African Americans have made enduring and essential contributions to the growth and prosperity of Fresno County, shaping its agricultural legacy, labor force, business community, arts and culture, public service, and movements for civil and human rights; and

WHEREAS, commemorating Black history is not only an act of remembrance, but a reaffirmation of shared values, acknowledging both the struggles endured and the progress achieved, while committing to continued work toward justice, inclusion, and opportunity for future generations; and

WHEREAS, Black-owned businesses, professionals, and community organizations have been instrumental in strengthening Fresno County's economy and civic life, creating jobs, building wealth, and serving as trusted leaders and advocates within their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Fresno Metro Black Chambers of Commerce plays a vital role in advancing economic empowerment for the past 25 years by supporting Black entrepreneurs, promoting business development, advocating for equitable access to resources, and strengthening partnerships that benefit the broader Fresno County region; and

WHEREAS, Fresno County remains committed to honoring its diverse history and working collaboratively with community partners to ensure that every resident has the opportunity to thrive in a county rooted in fairness, respect, and shared prosperity.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaim February 2026 as Black History Month in the County of Fresno, and encourage all residents to commemorate this historic centennial by reflecting on the past, celebrating the present, and continuing the work toward equality, understanding, and opportunity for all.

THE FOREGOING, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 10th day of February 2026, to-wit:

AYES: Supervisors Bredefeld, Chavez, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None



Garry Bredefeld, Chairman of the Board of
Supervisors of the County of Fresno

ATTEST:
BERNICE E. SEIDEL
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Fresno, State of California

By 
Deputy