

PROCLAMATION

Black History Month

WHEREAS, During Black History Month, we celebrate the many achievements and contributions made by African Americans to our economic, cultural, spiritual, and political development; and

WHEREAS, Carter G. Wilson, a Black historian, established a week to recognize the accomplishments of Black American citizens on February 7, 1926, which became one of the cultural landmarks of contemporary America; and the second week of February was chosen for the event because it coincided with the birthday of Abraham Lincoln on February 12th and of Frederick Douglass on February 14th; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month is a time for families in our community to reflect on the many contributions that Black Americans of all ages have made to our country and offers a time for family and neighbor conversations about the importance of celebrating and recognizing these tremendous contributions; and

WHEREAS, the Moraga-Orinda Fire District feels it is important to communicate its support for inclusivity and respect in our District and the Board of Directors encourages all members of our community to remember and celebrate the contributions that African Americans have made to this nation and the importance of diversity and inclusion in our community and that racial equality must always be a cornerstone of democracy; and

WHEREAS, the Moraga-Orinda Fire Protection District is proud to honor the history and contributions of African Americans in our community, throughout our state, and nation; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Moraga-Orinda Fire Protection District Board of Directors do hereby proclaim February 2023 as Black History Month in recognition of African Americans - past and present - in our community.

The Clerk of the Board shall attest and affix the seal of the Moraga-Orinda Fire District to this proclamation on this 15th day of February 2023.

David Winnacker, Fire Chief

Steven Danziger, Director

Greg Hasler, Director

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Craig Jorgens, Director

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