

# RESOLUTION

SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 23, 2023

## *In Recognition of February as Black History Month*

*WHEREAS*, African American/Black History Month encourages society and schools to celebrate the achievements of Black/African Americans; and

*WHEREAS*, the South Orange County Community College District recognizes that each student needs an opportunity to understand the common humanity underlying all people; to develop pride in their own identity and heritage; and to understand, respect, and accept the identity and heritage of others; and

*WHEREAS*, this observance permits society to re-examine its role in preserving the civil rights of all citizens; and

*WHEREAS*, virtual and on-campus activities held in honor of Black History Month help to encourage students to continue to strive for the best education as a means to fulfill their potential; and

*WHEREAS*, achievements of Black/African Americans have benefited all humankind;

*WHEREAS*, not only during the month of February 2023, but throughout the year, it is important to recognize the contributions of Black/African Americans in society and to recognize disparities in student outcomes in order to move towards greater equity in our education system and the greater community;

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED* that the Board of Trustees of the South Orange County Community College District recognizes February 2023 as African American/Black History Month.

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED* that the Board of Trustees of the South Orange County Community College District acknowledges that all black lives matter.

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