

GLENDALE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 9

**RECOGNIZING THE RICH CULTURE, CONTRIBUTIONS, AND VALUE OF OUR
BLACK AND AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS**

WHEREAS, the Glendale Unified School District believes that we have a special responsibility to understand, and intentionally work to eliminate racism in our curricula, our classroom cultures, and our relationships with our students, our parents/guardians, and each other because our collective future depends on it; and

WHEREAS, the Glendale Unified School District celebrates the diversity of this nation, and that includes the past, present and ongoing contributions of African Americans in this country; and

WHEREAS, in 1975, President Ford issued a message on the observance of Black History Week urging all Americans to “recognize the important contribution made to our nation’s life and culture by Black citizens.” In 1976, the commemoration of Black history in the United States was expanded to Black History Month, also known as *African American History Month*; and

WHEREAS, *Black and African American History Month* provides an opportunity for all students to better understand the achievement of African American, which are important for February, and every month; and

WHEREAS, a national movement of teachers, parents, administrators, and scholars have come together to proclaim an annual week of action, affirmation, and solidarity, to be called “*Black Lives Matter at School Week of Action*,” and

WHEREAS, *Black Lives Matter at School Week of Action* will take place during the month of February to incorporate with, and augment, *Black and African American History Month*; the 2021 week of action is February 1-5; and

WHEREAS, schools should be places for the practice of equity, for the building of understanding, and for the active engagement of all in creating pathways to freedom and justice for all people; and

WHEREAS, *Black and African American History Month* and *Black Lives Matter at School Week of Action* are intended to highlight, uplift and affirm the rich history and contributions of the African American community; to cultivate in African American students a sense of pride, self-worth, and self-love; and to develop a widespread acknowledgement and appreciation for the contributions of Black and African American people in our community; and

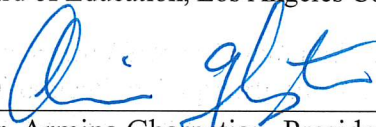
WHEREAS, *Black and African American History Month* and *Black Lives Matter at School Week of Action* are further intended to encourage ongoing critical reflection and courageous conversations to affirm the right of Black and African American students to be treated with respect and dignity; and

WHEREAS, *Black and African American History Month* and *Black Lives Matter at School Week of Action* may offer a variety of educational opportunities and expression of unity, such as workshops, cultural events, and instructional activities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Glendale Unified School District Board of Education welcomes the participation of educators, staff, students, and parents in community-based activities and events related to *Black and African American History Month* and *Black Lives Matter at School Week of Action*.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Glendale Unified School District recognizes the tremendous contributions made by Black and African Americans and reaffirms its commitment to support the social, emotional, and physical needs of all students.

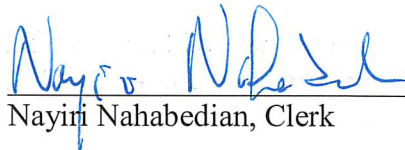
PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of February 2021, at a regular meeting of the Glendale Unified School District Board of Education, Los Angeles County, California.



Dr. Armina Ghatpetian, President



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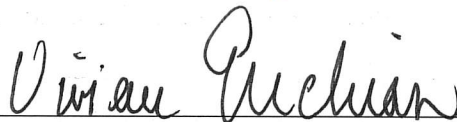
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