

PROCLAMATION
RECOGNIZING BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN ORINDA
FEBRUARY 2021

WHEREAS, Black History Month, also known as African American History Month, is an annual celebration and recognition of the tremendous achievements by Black Americans in all aspects of American life and a time for acknowledging their important role in U.S. history; and

WHEREAS, Carter Goodwin 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

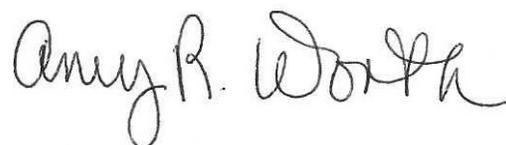
WHEREAS, the Orinda Library is proud to celebrate Black History Month this February, and, with all the Contra Costa libraries, has partnered with local authors, artists, historians, activists, and regular folks doing extraordinary things to bring some important programs to the community, with virtual events that include art exhibits, conversations with poets, and workshops where Black History is taught and shared by those who are experiencing it, and the Library collection offers further resources describing Black experiences, and if residents seek further information regarding what to read, view, or listen to, as they recognize Black History Month, the Orinda library staff is happy to provide many reading and listening options; 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 City of Orinda and the Orinda Union School District jointly adopted a Resolution supporting Inclusion, Diversity and Equity in our community and as part of those efforts the Orinda Union School District has developed a curriculum to celebrate Black History Month highlighting the myriad of ways Black Americans have contributed to the fabric of our country, with a focus on different themes and activities for each grade level; and

WHEREAS, the Orinda City Council feels it is important to communicate its support for inclusivity and respect in our City, and the Orinda City Council 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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Amy Worth, Mayor, on behalf of the Orinda City Council does hereby declare the month of FEBRUARY 2021 as BLACK HISTORY MONTH in the City of Orinda.



Amy R. Worth, Mayor