

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PROCLAMATION

DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2026 BLACK HISTORY MONTH AND CELEBRATING MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'S BIRTHDAY

WHEREAS, the Lake County Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) will celebrate a combination of Black History Month and Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday, as we reflect on the proud legacy of courage and dedication from visionary leaders like Martin Luther King Jr., Roy Wilkins, Rosa Parks, Coretta Scott King and local community leaders like Bessie M. Bell, Dr. Aqeela Markowski, Thomas Aceves, Dianne Thompson, Vincent Taylor, and Kevin Ness; and

WHEREAS, the NAACP has been at the forefront of protecting our fragile Democracy which is under assault by challenges to voting requirements; and continue addressing the Americans with Disabilities Act, workplace prejudice and hostility, military veteran homeless housing, voter suppression; gerrymandering; and urging the passing of the John Lewis Voters Rights Advancement Act and the Freedom to Vote Act, which will insure all citizens voting and civil rights are protected under the United States Constitution: and

WHEREAS, the NAACP history is one of dedication and struggle to maintain equality and justice for all citizens of the United States; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate the theme for this year's event, "A Century of Black History Commemorations" and reflect on the historical significance of Black history and the many contributions of individuals and communities over the past century; and

WHEREAS, the local branch, like other NAACP branches throughout the state and country, diligently works on social programs aimed at the elimination of banning books, rewriting of our vast contributions to this great nation, eliminating racial hatred, bigotry, and poverty; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Branch of the NAACP is led by Rick Mayo, President and 1982 founder of the Lake County Branch.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED the Board of Supervisors of the County of Lake does hereby designate February 2026 Black History Month and a Celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday, and the Lake County Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is commended on the vital role it has played in improving the quality of life in our local community. Further, on this occasion, we encourage everyone to continue the dialogue about race, history, and culture to foster a deeper understanding of Black History in shaping the past, present, and future.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of February 2026.

ATTEST: SUSAN PARKER
Clerk to the Board

By: _____



COUNTY OF LAKE

Chair, Board of Supervisors