

HARTNELL COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

February 21, 2023

In Recognition of February as

Black History Month

HEREAS, Black History Month encourages society and schools to empower the achievements of Black/African Americans; and

HEREAS, the Hartnell Community College District 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

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

HEREAS, 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

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

HEREAS, 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;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Hartnell Community College District recognizes February 2023 as Black History Month and acknowledges that all black lives matter.

OW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Hartnell Community College District understands the important role it plays as an American institution in identifying, addressing, and resolving past practices, policies, and procedures that have historically marginalized women and people of color as part of the board's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Aurelio Salazar, Jr., Board President

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