

# Black History Month Recognition Resolution

The Board of Education

Pittsburg Unified School District

Resolution #16-18

**Whereas**, Black History Month is a national tradition in response to the inadequate and oftentimes biased depiction of Black History and African American communities in history books and school curricula of the era;

**Whereas**, African Americans suffered enslavement and subsequently faced the injustices of lynch mobs, segregation, and denial of the basic and fundamental rights of citizenship;

**Whereas**, Inequalities and injustices in our society still exist today;

**Whereas**, The contributions of African Americans from all walks of life throughout the history of the United States reflect the greatness of the United States;

**Whereas**, Black History Month was originally created as Negro History Week in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson with the intention to bring to light important historical developments in the areas of civil rights, social justice and the appreciation of racial and cultural differences;

**Whereas**, Black History Month is the opportunity to promote and foster cultural relevance in our schools and enrich the educational experiences of our students to deepen their understanding of the different perspectives of American History;

**Whereas**, Current research supports the effectiveness of a culturally relevant educational approach in engaging and motivating higher academic performance in low-achieving students;

**Resolved**, That The Board of Education of the Pittsburg Unified School District recognizes the month of February as Black History Month; and

**Be It Further Resolved**, The Superintendent or her designee shall work with all schools in the district to recognize and celebrate Black History Month through a culturally relevant activity;

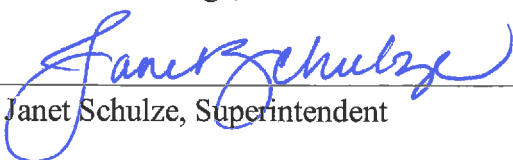
**Be It Further Resolved**, That The Board of Education encourages the celebration of Black History Month to provide a continuing opportunity for all people in the United States to learn from the past and understand the experiences that have shaped the United States.

**Passed and Adopted**, on 1/25/17 at a regular meeting of the Board of Education by the following vote:

AYES: 5  
NOES: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0  
ABSENT: 0



De'Shawn Woolridge, Board President



Dr. Janet Schulze, Superintendent