

# Proclamation

- Whereas,** 2017 is the 41st year of Black History Month, or National African American History Month, an annual national celebration of achievements by Black Americans; and
- Whereas,** in 1977, the people of Alameda voted to amend the City Charter, changing the name of the Board of Social Services to the Social Service Human Relations Board (SSHRB) with the mission to bring about mutual understanding, respect, and goodwill among all groups of people; and
- Whereas,** in 2002, the City of Alameda co-sponsored with SSHRB the “No Room for Hate in Alameda” campaign, to challenge hate and prejudice and to stand with others who are treated unfairly; and
- Whereas,** in 2015, the City of Alameda co-sponsored the “Everyone Belongs Here” campaign to promote inclusion and equity for all; and
- Whereas,** in 2016, the Alameda Unified School District launched the Black Achievers Alliance program, a movement to celebrate the achievements of African Americans; and
- Whereas,** on June 19, 2016, the City of Alameda proclaimed the day as Juneteenth Day, recognizing and celebrating the country’s oldest commemoration of Black and African American freedom and achievement, triumph of the human spirit over the cruelty of slavery; and
- Whereas,** on September 24, 2016, the first annual Unity Picnic co-sponsored by the Alameda Unified School District, the Black Achievers Alliance, and Alameda for Black Lives was organized; and
- Whereas,** a banner has been placed above City Hall during the month illustrating the influential faces of Congressman John Lewis, Maya Angelou, Ruby Bridges, former President Barack Obama, Congresswoman Barbara Lee, James Baldwin, and Elector Littlejohn; and
- Whereas,** on February 23, you are invited to join us at a Black History Showcase and Recognition Event being organized by the AUSD Black Achievers Alliance in partnership with the City of Alameda and the BACR LEAPS Expanded Learning program. The event will take place from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room at Ruby Bridges Elementary School.

**Now, therefore, be it resolved,** that I, Trish Herrera Spencer, Mayor of the City of Alameda, hereby proclaim February 2017 as

## Black History Month

in Alameda, and encourage our community to observe and celebrate this month with appropriate activities, ceremonies, and programs.



Trish Herrera Spencer  
Mayor