

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Americans began observing Black History Week on February 12, 1926, to coincide with the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1976, Black History Week was expanded to create Black History Month, an annual recognition of achievements by African Americans throughout our nation's history; and

**WHEREAS**, African Americans, while struggling for freedom and equality, played a vital role in the development of the city of Fort Worth and the state of Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, African American graduates of the Fort Worth Independent School District have contributed greatly to education, science, the arts, business, sports, and other endeavors; and

**WHEREAS**, student diversity continues to enrich our District and community;

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Board of Education of the Fort Worth Independent School District, that February 2017 will be observed as Black History Month within our District;

Dated this 14th day of February 2017.



Jacinto Ramos Jr., President



Ashley P., First Vice President



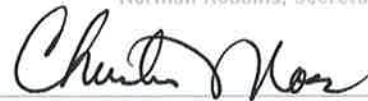
Ann Sutherland, Second Vice President



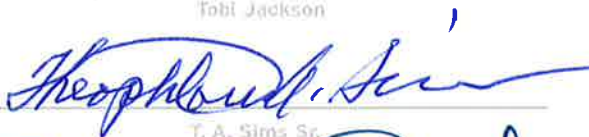
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