The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of: Resolution No. 2009/45

In the Matter of Declaring February 28, 2009 as Black Families Association of Contra Costa County Day in Honor of the Organization's 22nd Annual Scholarship Fundraiser

Whereas, in September 1973 it was recognized that Black people in Central Contra Costa needed an avenue to join together, Ralph (Al) and Ida Henderson, Ralph and Norma Griffin, Joel and Vivian Butler, Bill and Gloria Duncan, Travis and Phyllis MacAfee, and Juanita Orr founded the Black Families Association of Contra Costa County, and

Whereas, it was acknowledged that the Association fosters an appreciation of Black cultural heritage, pride, and dignity and provides social interaction among Black residents of the County; and

Whereas, it was decided that the organization provides positive experiences for Black youth by enhancing their knowledge and understanding of how historical and current events will influence their future lives; and

Whereas, a youth group was formed to serve as a source of support and social interaction; and

Whereas, there is an increased awareness in civic participation, political planning, and decision making activities to ensure the Black Families Association's input on matters impacting the "quality of life" of all people throughout the County; and

Whereas, the Black Families Association serves as a clearinghouse for general information and provides community orientation for Black residents while assisting with services of a charitable nature for the community at large; and

Whereas, the Black Families Association has maintained an annual calendar to include: the Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. Essay/Poster Contest and Birthday Celebration, Black History Month Dinner Dance Scholarship Fundraiser, a variety of youth programs, cultural awareness programs, participation in city/county planning and human relations commissions, personnel, community development, and merit boards, while continuing their valuable social events for families.

Now, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors declares February 28, 2009 as Black Families Association of Contra Costa County Day in honor of the organization's 22nd Annual Scholarship Fundraiser.

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		a true and correct copy of an action taken s of the Board of Supervisors on the date
	ATTESTED: February	3, 2009
	David J. Twa,	
	Ву:	, Deputy