FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION 2019-13:

HONORING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, since 1926, our country traditionally commemorates and celebrates the contributions of African Americans during February; and

WHEREAS, since our nation's bicentennial in1976, each president has issued proclamations declaring February as Black History Month; and

WHEREAS, *Black Migrations* is this year's national theme and emphasizes the movement of people of African descent to new destinations and subsequently to new social realities; and

WHEREAS, African Americans have contributed significantly to the economic, cultural, spiritual, and political development of the country, as well as to that in the Fairbanks North Star Borough; and

WHEREAS, African Americans value knowledge and learning; and

WHEREAS, students of African American heritage are a significant population of the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District's student body; and

WHEREAS, African American teachers distinguish themselves as educators in Fairbanks North Star Borough School District classrooms; and

WHEREAS, African American principals lead their schools with vision; and

WHEREAS, school board members of African American heritage serve with distinction; and

WHEREAS, African American exempt, paraprofessional, and classified staff support all students' learning; and

WHEREAS, incorporating an accurate portrayal of African American history into the curriculum and teaching the contributions of African American history, culture, society, and language in the classroom promotes academic success for African American students, increases the understanding of all students, and benefits all citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Fairbanks North Star Borough Board of Education proclaims February 2019 Black History Month and encourages schools and teachers to honor it with performances, readings, guest speakers, displays, lessons, lectures, and cultural celebrations throughout the year.

Passed and Approved: January 15, 2019

Wendy Dominique, President

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ATTEST:

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