

**FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**RESOLUTION 2015-12:**

**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 in 1976, each president has issued proclamations declaring February as Black History Month; and

WHEREAS, *A Century of Black Life, History, and Culture* is this year's theme; 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 historically have comprised nearly eight percent of the student body in the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District; and

WHEREAS, over twenty 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 2015 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 20, 2015



Heidi Haas, President  
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ATTEST:



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