

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION 2014-12

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, African Americans have contributed significantly to the economic, cultural, spiritual, and political development of 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, African Americans serve on the school board with distinction; and

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

WHEREAS, all citizens benefit from an accurate portrayal of Black History; and

WHEREAS, research findings suggest that presenting African American culture, history, and perspective in the classroom promotes academic success for African American students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Fairbanks North Star Borough Board of Education proclaims February 2014 Black History Month and encourages schools and teachers to honor it with performances, readings, guest speakers, displays, lessons, lectures, and cultural celebrations.

PASSED AND APPROVED: January 21, 2014

Heidi Haas

Heidi Haas, President
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ATTEST:

Sharon Tuttle

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Secretary to the Board

