

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

*Chuck Reed, City of San Jose
Mayor, together with Vice
Mayor Madison Nguyen and
Councilmember Ash Kalra,
and the City Council, have
proclaimed the month of
February 2011 as African
American History Month.*

CITY OF SAN JOSE
Proclamation

WHEREAS: San José has been the home of many of African descent, including individuals in Juan Bautista De Anza's 1774-1775 northern California mission building party, and the 1777 founding of San José as the state's first civic pueblo; and

WHEREAS: African-Americans in San José have a rich history that includes early settlers and pioneers, explorers, active members of the national Underground Railroad network, Civil War veterans, Buffalo Soldiers, and others such as Peter Cassey and Jim Williams, who were contributors to the business, educational, religious, and civic life of the community; and

WHEREAS: Since its 1926 introduction by Carter G. Woodson, the celebration of African American History Month on the local level has become an opportunity to not only recognize contributions to our local and national history, but also to recognize the many groups and organizations that have worked over the years to educate and build community, including the Silicon Valley NAACP, the Santa Clara County Alliance of Black Educators, Silicon Valley 100 Black Men, the Black Leadership Kitchen Cabinet, the National Forum for Black Public Administrators, the African American Community Service Agency, the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Association of Santa Clara Valley, Community Arts & History Support, the historic First AME Zion Church (founded in 1864) and Antioch Baptist Church (founded in 1893), local high school and college Black Student Unions, African American Studies Departments at local colleges and universities, and most recently the African American Heritage House in History Park San José;

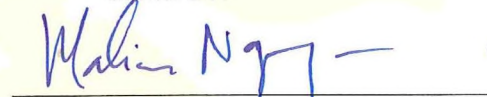
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Chuck Reed, Mayor of San José, together with Vice Mayor Madison Nguyen and Councilmember Ash Kalra, and the rest of our colleagues on the City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2011 as

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

in recognition of the City of San José's African-American heritage, its civic and community groups that have preserved and shared African-American history, and individuals in San José for their work and contributions to our community fabric.

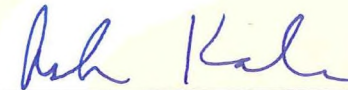


The Honorable Chuck Reed
MAYOR

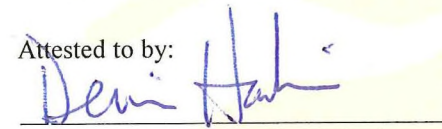


Madison Nguyen, Vice Mayor





Ash Kalra, Councilmember

Attested to by:


Dennis Hawkins, City Clerk