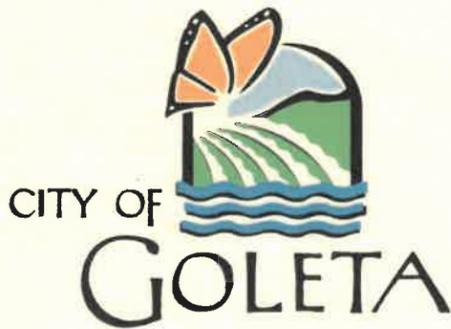




**Agenda Item B.1
PRESENTATION
Meeting Date: February 17, 2026**

**A Proclamation of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, Proclaiming
February 2026 as Black History Month in the City of Goleta**



PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLETA, CALIFORNIA, PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 2026 AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN THE CITY OF GOLETA

WHEREAS, Black History Month is an annual observance in February dedicated to recognizing and celebrating the invaluable contributions and achievements of African Americans throughout the history of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 national theme for Black History Month, "*A Century of Black History Commemorations*," marks the 100-year legacy of Dr. Carter G. Woodson's establishment of Negro History Week through the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), a milestone in promoting the study and public recognition of African American history; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Woodson's work laid the foundation for broadening public understanding that Black history is American history and that the stories, struggles, and achievements of African Americans must be preserved, shared, and celebrated; and

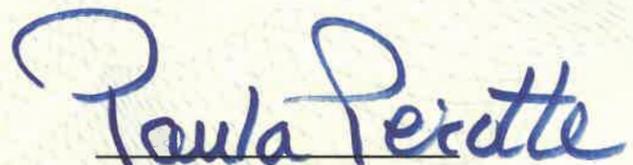
WHEREAS, local organizations play a vital role in sustaining Black history, culture, and civic engagement, including the Santa Barbara Black Culture House, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Committees of Santa Barbara and Lompoc, Juneteenth Santa Barbara, Healing Justice Santa Barbara, Gateway Educational Services, Santa Barbara branch of the National Association For the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Santa Barbara City College Umoja Village, UCSB Office of Black Student Development, and UCSB MultiCultural Center; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month is not only an opportunity to recognize the unique struggles of Black Americans, it also celebrates the accomplishments, integrity, talents, leadership, determination, and progress of the Black community while honoring its resilience and commitment to creating new opportunities for future generations; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, on this 17th day of February 2026, that the City of Goleta officially recognizes and honors Black History Month 2026, embracing the theme "*A Century of Black History Commemorations*," and encourages all Goleta residents to participate in learning, celebrating, and contributing to our collective history and future.

APPROVED this 17th day of February 2026




PAULA PEROTTE
MAYOR