

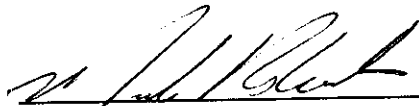
**ORDER: ADOPT RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING BLACK  
HISTORY MONTH**

Motion was made by Brent Larson, duly seconded by Chad McLarty, to adopt Resolution Acknowledging Black History Month.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Supervisor Brent Larson, voted yes  
Supervisor Larry Gillespie, voted yes  
Supervisor David Rikard, voted yes  
Supervisor Chad McLarty, voted yes  
Supervisor Mike Roberts, voted yes

After the vote, President Roberts, declared the motion carried, this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.

  
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**Mike Roberts, President  
Board of Supervisors**

  
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**Sherry Wall Chancery Clerk**

## **RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

It is only right that we pause and acknowledge the many contributions and struggles of African Americans, past, present and in the future. African-Americans have played leadership and supporting roles in forming our great communities, whether that be on the city, county, state or federal level. I encourage everyone to take a minute and stop and reflect on the many struggles and efforts made by the African-American community. This is important. I remind everyone that our government felt that it was so important that it has not just set aside a single day for remembrance and celebration as is the norm—but a whole month.

WHEREAS, the contributions of African-Americans from all walks of life throughout the history of Oxford, and other cities and towns, Lafayette County, the State of Mississippi and the United States reflect the greatness of our County;

WHEREAS, many African-Americans lived, toiled and died in obscurity, never achieving the recognition they deserved and yet paved the way for future generations to succeed;

WHEREAS, African-Americans continue to serve the United States at the highest levels of business, government and the military;

WHEREAS, the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass inspired the creation of Negro History Week, the precursor to Black History Month;

WHEREAS, Black History Month, celebrated during the month of February, originated in 1926 when Dr. Carter G. Woodson set aside a special period in February to recognize the heritage and achievement of African-American people of our country;

RESOLVED THAT THE Board of Supervisors for Lafayette County, Mississippi:

1. Acknowledges that all people of this country are the recipients of the wealth of history provided by African-Americans, the African-American community and culture;
2. Recognizes the importance of Black History Month as an opportunity to reflect on the complex history of our country;

3. Acknowledges the significance of Black History Month as an important opportunity to commemorate the tremendous contributions of African-Americans to the history of our city, county, State and the whole United States; and,
4. Encourages the celebration of Black History Month to provide a continuing opportunity for all people in our country to learn from the past and understand the experiences that have shaped out cities, counties, states and the whole of the United States.

Presented this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020

By:

Brent Larson  
Brent Larson, District One Supervisor

Larry Gillespie  
Larry Gillespie, District Two Supervisor

David Rikard  
David Rikard, District Three Supervisor

Chad McLarty  
Chad McLarty, District Four Supervisor

Mike Roberts  
Mike Roberts, District Five Supervisor

Sherry Wall  
Sherry Wall, Chancery Clerk/Clerk of the Board

