

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

ON

**AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH/
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY**

DECEMBER 16, 2013

WHEREAS, February has been designated as African-American History Month in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the birthdate of Martin Luther King, Jr., will be observed as an official school holiday on January 20, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the rich diversity of cultures in our population makes essential an increased awareness and respect for all people; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Harford County has long recognized the many significant contributions of African-Americans and finds it altogether appropriate to maintain the tradition of celebrating African-American history and culture; and

WHEREAS, the ideals promulgated by Martin Luther King, Jr., should be preserved and enhanced; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Harford County desires to continue to infuse the contributions of African-Americans into the curriculum; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that January 20, 2014, be observed as Martin Luther King, Jr., Day in the Harford County Public Schools; and be it further

RESOLVED, that February be observed as African-American History Month in the Harford County Public Schools; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Interim Superintendent of Schools requests all schools to conduct study and learning activities in observance of African-American History Month and Martin Luther King, Jr., Day.

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ON

JANUARY - MARYLAND READING MONTH

DECEMBER 16, 2013

WHEREAS, Governor Martin O'Malley has proclaimed the month of January as Maryland Reading Month; and

WHEREAS, the Maryland State Department of Education and the State of Maryland International Reading Association Council, together with the Harford County Reading Council, co-sponsored this month-long promotion of reading; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Harford County wishes to join with the Governor of Maryland, the State of Maryland International Reading Association Council, and the Harford County Reading Council in acknowledging January 2014 as Reading Month; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Harford County proclaims the month of January 2014 as Reading Month in the Harford County Public Schools.

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ON

JANUARY - NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH

DECEMBER 16, 2013

WHEREAS, January 2014 is National Mentoring Month; and

WHEREAS, mentoring is a one-to-one relationship between a caring adult and a young person; and

WHEREAS, a mentor is a wise and trusted friend and guide; a source of encouragement; and a developer of talents among youth; and

WHEREAS, the role of mentors is an invaluable part of producing youth who can be productive and contributing members of our society; and

WHEREAS, mentors are people who give freely of their time and talent to support Harford youth; and

WHEREAS, the future of Harford County rests on its youth; and

WHEREAS, the need for mentors is increasing in view of the problems and pressures experienced by youth today; and

WHEREAS, the Kids Caring Adult Network (C.A.N.) of mentors is sponsored by the Harford County Government in cooperation with the Board of Education of Harford County; and

WHEREAS, Kids C.A.N. was started in 1997 to promote mentoring in Harford County and to identify and provide opportunities for caring adults to help young people succeed in life; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Harford County declare January to be Mentoring Month in the Harford County Public Schools; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Harford County recognize the major benefits to young people in having a close, one-on-one mentoring relationship with a caring adult, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Harford County recognize the contributions of the Kids C.A.N. (Caring Adult Network of Mentors) program in encouraging the recruitment, training and deployment of mentors in the Harford County Public School System since 1997, with an estimated 500 mentors matched with students through the organization.

Barbara P. Canavan, Secretary-Treasurer and
Interim Superintendent of Schools