



THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING FEBRUARY 2026 AS

*Black History Month and the Legacy of  
Dr. Yvonne Darlene Cagle*

**WHEREAS, Black History Month** serves as a time to reflect upon the enduring struggles for freedom, equality, and justice, while celebrating the extraordinary accomplishments of African Americans whose work has strengthened democracy and expanded opportunity for all; and

**WHEREAS, Dr. Yvonne Darlene Cagle**, is a distinguished aerospace surgeon, NASA astronaut, educator, and innovator whose career reflects a lifelong commitment to service, science, and technology; and

**WHEREAS, Dr. Cagle** earned her Bachelor of Arts in Biochemistry from San Francisco State University in 1981 and her Doctor of Medicine from University of Washington in 1985; and

**WHEREAS, Dr. Cagle** would later earn a certification in Aerospace Medicine, becoming a certified senior aviation medical examiner with the Federal Aviation Administration; and

**WHEREAS, Dr. Cagle** served in the United States Air Force for 22 years, retiring as a Colonel in 2008, where she served as a Senior Flight Surgeon providing medical support and rescue in aeromedical missions, and earned the National Defense Service Medal, the Air Force Achievement Medal, and the United States Air Force Air Staff Exceptional Physician Commendation; and

**WHEREAS** selected by NASA in 1996, **Dr. Cagle** completed astronaut training at Johnson Space Center and qualified for flight assignment as a mission specialist, contributing to astronaut health research, space telemedicine, and international medical standards for space crews;

**WHEREAS, Dr. Cagle** has served as a consulting professor for Stanford University in both the Department of Cardiovascular Medicine and the Department of Electrical Engineering, and has held adjunct appointments with the University of California, Davis and the University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, advancing research at the intersection of medicine, engineering, and biotechnology;

**WHEREAS, Dr. Cagle's** groundbreaking work in astronaut health, space sustainability, and STEAM outreach has expanded opportunities for young people, particularly young women and students of color, to see themselves reflected in the fields of science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby proclaims **February 2026** as **Black History Month**, honors the life, legacy, and continued contributions of **Dr. Yvonne Darlene Cagle**, and encourages all residents, schools, and institutions to observe this month through reflection, education, and celebration of African American history and its vital role in shaping our country and our community.

*Dated: February 24, 2026*

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