



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

*Black History Month and
Acknowledging the Legacy of
Clarence B. Jones*

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, Clarence B. Jones is a distinguished civil rights leader, attorney, scholar, and activist whose life and work exemplify the profound impact of African American leadership in advancing justice and human dignity; and

WHEREAS, Clarence B. Jones served as a trusted advisor, legal counsel, and confidant to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and played a critical role in the Civil Rights Movement, including assisting in the drafting and safeguarding of Dr. King's historic "I Have a Dream" speech delivered during the 1963 March on Washington; and

WHEREAS, through his legal expertise, strategic insight, and unwavering commitment to nonviolence, **Clarence B. Jones** contributed to the movement that helped secure landmark civil rights legislation and expand civil and human rights protections across the nation; and

WHEREAS, Clarence B. Jones has continued his lifelong advocacy through education, writing, public speaking, and leadership, ensuring that the lessons of the Civil Rights Movement remain relevant and that future generations are equipped to continue the work of justice and equality; and

WHEREAS, honoring the legacy of **Clarence B. Jones** during **Black History Month** provides an opportunity to recognize the enduring value of African American contributions and to reaffirm our collective responsibility to uphold the principles of equity, democracy, and human rights.

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 **Clarence B. Jones**, 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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