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AB SENATE BILL

IN THE SENATE OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

OF BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE

February 08,, 2023

SUBMITTED BY SENATOR ESCALANTE TO THE COMMITTEE ON BCSGA SENATE

SPONSOR: DIRECTOR HARVIND GREWAL

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A BILL

Student Body Bill for the Recognition and Celebration of Black History Month

Preamble:

WHEREAS, Black History Month is an annual celebration of the contributions and cultural traditions of African Americans, and

WHEREAS, African Americans have a rich and diverse history that has played a significant role in the development of the United States, and

WHEREAS, the Bakersfield College Student Government Association (BCSGA) is committed to promoting a culture of diversity, inclusion, equity and respect on campus,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the BCSGA recognizes and celebrates Black History Month each year through connecting with recognized student organizations and community members, and by hosting activities to celebrate and recognize this month as Black History Month.

Section 1: Observance of Black History Month

The BCSGA shall observe Black History Month with appropriate ceremonies and activities, including but not limited to:

•Inviting a speaker(s) with an African-American background or professional expertise in the area to give a presentation on the history and significance of Black History Month

•Participating in campus-wide events or initiatives related to Black History Month

Section 2: Collaboration with Student Organizations and Community Members

The BCSGA shall collaborate with recognized student organizations that represent African American communities and community members to plan events and activities for Black History Month. This may include, but is not limited to:

•Partnering with recognized student organizations to host cultural events and activities

•Inviting community members to participate in events and activities

•Providing support and resources for student organizations and community members to plan events and activities

Section 3: Invitation of Speakers

The BCSGA shall invite a speaker(s) to give presentations on the history and significance of Black History Month. These speakers may include, but are not limited to:

•African American scholars and historians

•African American community leaders and activists

•African American artists and performers

Section 4: Educational Materials and Resources

The BCSGA shall make educational materials and resources related to African American history and culture available to the Bakersfield College community. These materials may include, but are not limited to:

•Educational flyers or brochures

•Films or documentaries

•Books or articles

Section 5: Effective Date

This bill shall take effect on the date of its passage by the SGA.