

Resolution in Support of the

United Black Student Unions of California (UBSUC)

WHEREAS, most recent data shows, California African American students were suspended from a K-12 school 16.4% with 6.2% enrollment compared to Hispanics/Latinos at 54.7%/53.3% and White students at 20.6%/25.0%; and

WHEREAS, California African American students graduated from High School with a rate of 68.1% compared to Hispanics/Latinos at 76.4% and White students at 87.4%; and

WHEREAS, the UBSUC focuses on success in academics, vocational careers, leadership, political and social activism, building positive self-esteem, and developing better male/female relationships between African-American young men and women; and

WHEREAS, the UBSUC, since 1974, takes groups of high school students (under the high school's BSU clubs) and teachers to promote cooperative efforts amongst high schools across the state; and

WHEREAS, the UBSUC supports the local BSU's at the regional and state levels who struggle to attain quality BSU advisors (if any at all) to ensure that their BSU club services their school adequately by teaching the positive aspects of the African American culture, and making all **(Insert School Name)** students aware of African American History; and

WHEREAS, the UBSUC, brings students together for regional leadership conferences and state leadership conventions where convention delegates have had heard individuals like Lynn Swann, Mrs. Medgar Evers, and many other notable African-Americans from business, legal, medical, and entertainment fields to motivate our youth to realize their highest potential.

WHEREAS, the UBSUC partners with community organizations that provide mentor and educational programs that substantially reduce suspensions and expulsions, eliminate disparities in education, and put an end to school-to-prison-pipeline in the African-American community; and

WHEREAS, the UBSUC provides numerous academic, leadership, service, and fine arts scholarships for outstanding college bound members.

WHEREAS, in collaboration with the **(Insert Name of County Education Office)** and organizations throughout the community, **(Insert Name of School District)** chooses to support the "United Black Student Unions of California" campaign to decrease this county's African-American suspension and expulsions and increase positive self-esteem;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the **(Insert Name of School District's Board of Education)** recognizes and supports the "UBSUC" initiative and encourages other local boards to participate in this campaign by promoting activities that demonstrate to the public and students in **(Insert Name of County School Resides)** the importance of focusing on building positive self-esteem.