

PROCLAMATION

Washington Day February 20, 2017

WHEREAS, February 20th has been established as a day to celebrate and honor the accomplishments of George Washington, a great leader in this country; and

WHEREAS, George Washington was born on Feb. 22, 1732 in Westmoreland County, Virginia, and at the age of 20 he was appointed adjutant in the Virginia Militia; and

WHEREAS, in 1759, he resigned from the militia, married Martha Dandridge Custis, a widow with children, and settled down as a gentleman farmer at Mount Vernon, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, as a delegate to the Continental Congress, Washington was selected as commander in chief of the Continental Army and took command at Cambridge, Massachusetts, on July 3, 1775; and

WHEREAS, while presiding over the Constitutional Convention, he yielded to the universal demand that he serve as first President and was inaugurated on April 30, 1789; and

WHEREAS, according to the federal government, the holiday observed on the third Monday in February is officially Washington's Birthday; and

WHEREAS, Washington's Birthday was celebrated publicly for the first time in the late 18th century, while George Washington was still president.

THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Alameda Unified School District Board of Education hereby recognizes February 20, 2017 as Washington Day.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of February, 2017.

AYES: _____ MEMBERS: _____

NOES: _____ MEMBERS: _____

ABSENT: _____ MEMBERS: _____

Gary K. Lym, President
Board of Education
Alameda Unified School District
Alameda County, State of California

ATTEST:

By: _____

Sean McPhetridge, Secretary
Board of Education
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