

# PROCLAMATION

## *President's Day February 17, 2020*

*WHEREAS*, Washington's Birthday is the official name designated to what many of us know as Presidents' Day; and

*WHEREAS*, during the month of February, the birthdays of two of our greatest Presidents take place; and

*WHEREAS*, George Washington was born on February 22nd and Abraham Lincoln was born on February 12th; and

*WHEREAS*, Washington's Birthday was publicly celebrated since he was in office, before Abraham Lincoln was even born; and

*WHEREAS*, much of the debate over the name of the holiday springs from the fact that states can follow their own holidays how they see fit and many of them chose to also honor Lincoln, calling the celebration Presidents' Day; and

*WHEREAS*, in 1968 the term Presidents' Day came up for legal consideration in the Congress but was voted down, even though the holiday was moved to fall between the two Presidents' birthdays; and

*WHEREAS*, in the 1980s there was a resurgence of the term with advertisers which solidified the holiday name in American culture; and

*WHEREAS*, many states have a joint holiday to honor both Abraham Lincoln and George Washington, calling it Presidents' Day;

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED* that the Alameda Unified School District Board of Education proclaims February 17, 2020 as Presidents' Day.

*PASSED AND ADOPTED* this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_ MEMBERS: \_\_\_\_\_

NOES: \_\_\_\_\_ MEMBERS: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_ MEMBERS: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mialisa Bonta, President  
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Alameda Unified School District  
Alameda County, State of California

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pasquale Scuderi, Secretary  
Board of Education  
Alameda Unified School District  
Alameda County, State of California