

COSUMNES COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

ROSA PARKS DAY - FEBRUARY 4, 2021

WHEREAS, Cosumnes Community Services District is dedicated to supporting and fighting for social justice; and

WHEREAS, Rosa Louise McCauley Parks was born on February 4, 1913 in Tuskegee, Alabama, and attended secondary education led by the Alabama State Teachers College for Negroes. Parks left school in her senior year to attend to her sick grandmother in rural Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Parks married Raymond Parks on December 18, 1932. She finished her high school degree in 1933; and

WHEREAS, Parks became increasingly active in Civil Rights issues and joined the Montgomery chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in 1943, serving as the chapter's secretary; and

WHEREAS, Parks investigated the kidnapping and gang rape of an African American woman named Recy Taylor. The attention to this crime brought about the attention of racial violence against women of color in the South; and

WHEREAS, Parks changed the course of history on December 1, 1955 by refusing to give up her seat on a segregated bus in Montgomery, Alabama. Parks was arrested for defying the city codes which legally denied equal rights to its African American citizens. Her act of courage motivated an entire African American community to boycott the racially segregated bus system for 381 days; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that Montgomery's segregation law was unconstitutional and on December 20, 1955, Montgomery officials were ordered to desegregate buses; and

WHEREAS, Rosa Parks was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in 1999 in recognition of her role as the "First Lady of Civil Rights;" and was honored as the "Mother of the Modern-Day Civil Rights Movement," because of her refusal to comply with Montgomery's segregation law; and

WHEREAS, Rosa Parks died on October 24, 2005; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Cosumnes Community Services District Board of Directors do hereby proclaim February 4, 2021 as Rosa Parks Day and invite the community to learn more about the civil rights movement and the people who have positively enriched our diverse community.

ROSE PARKS DAY AS FEBRUARY 4, 2021

DONE AND PROCLAIMED this 20th day of January 2021, in Elk Grove, California.



Jim Luttrell, President



Jaclyn Moreno, Vice President



Rod Brewer, Director



ATTEST:



Gil Albani, Director



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Joshua Green, General Manager