

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-_____

CITY OF POMPANO BEACH
Broward County, Florida

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO REVERSE ITS REJECTION OF AN ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSE COVERING AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES IN STATE HIGH SCHOOLS; OPPOSING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S POSITION THAT THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSE COVERING AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES WILL INDOCTRINATE STUDENTS TO A POLITICAL AGENDA; SUPPORTING THE NEED FOR ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES ON AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the College Board submitted an Advanced Placement ("AP") course covering African American Studies to the Florida Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, AP courses are rigorous high school courses that may count for college credit in addition to high school credit, upon successful completion of the AP exam; and

WHEREAS, the AP curriculum for each of the diverse subjects is created for the College Board by a panel of experts and college level educators in the specified academic discipline; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Board of Education rejected the AP course covering African American Studies claiming that it lacks educational value; and

WHEREAS, Florida's Commissioner of Education Manny Diaz Jr. states "Florida rejected an AP course filled with Critical Race theory and other obvious violations of Florida Law," and

WHEREAS, while denying the educational value of a course focusing on the history and culture of African Americans, the Florida Department of Education approved the following AP courses and exams which focus on the history and culture of specific demographics: AP European History, AP Chinese Language and Culture, AP French Language and Culture, AP German

Language and Culture, AP Italian Language and Culture, AP Japanese Language and Culture, AP Spanish Language and Culture; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Pompano Beach support Florida's high schools' ability to provide AP courses covering African American studies; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. The foregoing "whereas" clauses are adopted and incorporated in this Resolution.

SECTION 2. The Mayor and City Commission of the City of Pompano Beach support the state high schools' ability to teach advanced placement African American studies courses and urge the Florida Department of Education to reverse its rejection of the AP course on African American Studies.

SECTION 3. That the Clerk of the City of Pompano Beach is directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Florida Department of Education, the Office of Governor Ron Desantis, the media, and any other interested person.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall become effective upon passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2023

REX HARDIN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

KERVIN ALFRED, CITY CLERK