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Proclamation and Recognition of February as Black History Month

RECITALS

- A. Black History Month began in 1915, half a century after the Thirteenth Amendment abolished slavery in the United States, the creation of noted historian Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African Americans.
- B. The Civil Rights Movement and a growing awareness of black identity, Black History Month is now an annual celebration of achievements by Black Americans a time for recognizing the central role of members of the African Diaspora in U.S. history.
- C. The contributions of members of the African Diaspora and their endeavors to learn and thrive throughout history and make unforgettable marks in our Nation as artists, scientists, educators, business people, influential thinkers, members of the faith community, athletes, and political and governmental leaders, reflect the greatness of the United States.
- D. Black history reflects a determined spirit of perseverance and cultural pride in its struggle to equitably share in the opportunities of a nation founded upon the principles of freedom and liberty