

City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia
Office of the Chief Clerk
Room 402, City Hall
Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 050114)

RESOLUTION

Joining the nation in recognizing February as African American History Month and honoring the Association of African American Life and History as the founding organization of African American History Month.

WHEREAS, February is celebrated as African American History Month during which time there is recognition and awareness of the countless contributions of African American citizens to the growth and development of America; and

WHEREAS, The Association of African American Life and History, founded nationally in the year 1915 by Doctor Carter G. Woodson, is the founding organization of African American History Month; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the Association of African American Life and History is to promote, research, preserve, interpret and disseminate information to the global community regarding African Americans and their rich history and culture; and

WHEREAS, The Philadelphia branch of the Association of African American Life and History, founded in 1929 by the late Judge Raymond Pace Alexander, is the oldest branch of the Association in the nation; and

WHEREAS, While the general public celebrates the numerous contributions of African Americans to the nation and the invaluable contributions of Dr. Carter G. Woodson, it is recognized that there remains much work to be done regarding race relations and equality for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, The designation of February as African American History Month will bring additional attention to the need for continued recognition and celebration of the role of African Americans in the history of the United States; and

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WHEREAS, It is recognized that during the month of February, in cities and towns across the nation, a majority of citizens, children, schools, families, advocates, public and elected officials will participate in special events and activities to observe and recognize African American History Month; now therefore

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That February is recognized as African American History Month and that the Association of African American Life and History is honored for the founding of African American History Month.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution is presented to a representative of the Philadelphia Chapter of the Association of African American Life and History as evidence of the sincere appreciation and respect of this legislative body.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the tenth of February, 2005.

Anna C. Verna
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Patricia Rafferty
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmembers Miller, Reynolds Brown and Goode

Sponsored by: Council President Verna, Councilmembers Miller, Reynolds Brown, Goode, Blackwell, DiCicco, Tasco, Rizzo, Kenney, O'Neill, Kelly and Clarke