

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 17 Session of
2013

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ERICKSON, BAKER, TARTAGLIONE, WAUGH, BRUBAKER, COSTA AND
LEACH, JANUARY 29, 2013

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, JANUARY 29, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of February 2013 as "Black History Month"
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, It is the duty of a society to recognize those
4 individuals within its borders who have contributed greatly to
5 the quality of life therein; and

6 WHEREAS, The contributions of African-American citizens as
7 scientists, inventors, farmers, educators, homemakers and
8 explorers and in countless other professions have greatly
9 benefited this Commonwealth and our nation; and

10 WHEREAS, Multiethnicity and multiculturalism may be
11 encouraged with an increased awareness of the important role
12 that African Americans have played throughout the history of
13 this Commonwealth and our nation; and

14 WHEREAS, Carter Goodwin Woodson, an African-American
15 historian, recognized these contributions and accomplishments
16 and on February 7, 1926, created a cultural landmark known as

1 "Negro History Week"; and

2 WHEREAS, "Negro History Week" was changed to "Black History
3 Week" during the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s, was
4 subsequently expanded to "Black History Month" in 1976 as part
5 of the Bicentennial celebration, and has continued to be a
6 month-long celebration each year since 1976; and

7 WHEREAS, "Black History Month" is an opportunity for all
8 Americans to commemorate the struggles and victories of African
9 Americans in our history and their invaluable contributions to
10 society and to the protection and defense of our nation in war
11 and peace; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of February
13 2013 as "Black History Month" in Pennsylvania in recognition of
14 the contributions of the African-American community to our
15 Commonwealth and our nation and encourage all citizens of this
16 Commonwealth to seek increased awareness and understanding of
17 these contributions through historical study.