
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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JANUARY 13, 2014

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JANUARY 13, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of February 2014 as "Black History Month"
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The contributions of African-American citizens as
4 scientists, inventors, legislators, farmers, educators,
5 explorers and countless other professions have greatly benefited
6 this Commonwealth and our nation; and

7 WHEREAS, On February 7, 1926, Dr. Carter Goodwin Woodson, an
8 African-American historian, recognized these contributions and
9 accomplishments and designated the second week of February as
10 "Negro History Week," chosen for the initial week-long
11 celebration to honor the birth month of President Abraham
12 Lincoln and abolitionist Frederick Douglass; and

13 WHEREAS, Woodson is often called the "Father of Black
14 History," dedicating his life to the field of African-American

1 history, encouraging the coordinated teaching and study of the
2 history of American blacks in schools; and

3 WHEREAS, In 1976, President Gerald Ford officially recognized
4 and expanded Black History month as part of the United States
5 Bicentennial, urging Americans to "seize the opportunity to
6 honor the too often neglected accomplishments of black Americans
7 in every area of endeavor throughout our history"; and

8 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus has always
9 endeavored to vigorously advocate for the needs of all people of
10 color in this Commonwealth by acting as one voice concerning the
11 issues that most acutely influence their daily lives; and

12 WHEREAS, Black History Month is an opportunity for all
13 Americans to commemorate the struggles and victories of African
14 Americans in our history, their invaluable contributions to
15 society and their unyielding dedication to the overall
16 protection and defense of our nation in matters of both war and
17 peace; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
19 month of February 2014 as "Black History Month" in Pennsylvania
20 in recognition of the invaluable contributions of African
21 Americans to this Commonwealth and our nation and encourage all
22 citizens to explore the rich and significant heritage of the
23 African-American community.