

1 [Black History Month.]

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3 **Resolution recognizing the month of February as Black History Month.**

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5 WHEREAS, African American scholar and historian Dr. Carter G. Woodson founded
6 the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, later renamed the Association for the
7 Study of Afro-American Life and History, which has historically worked to preserve and
8 perpetuate African American history and culture; and,

9 WHEREAS, On February 12, 1926, Dr. Woodson designated the second week of
10 February, chosen to coincide with the birthdays of the prominent abolitionist Frederick
11 Douglass and President Abraham Lincoln, as Black History Week, to honor the contributions
12 made to our country and the world by African Americans; and,

13 WHEREAS, The celebration of the contributions of African Americans was lengthened
14 to include the entire month of February in 1976 as part of the United States' Bicentennial
15 celebration; and,

16 WHEREAS, The month of February is also significant for the birthdays of great African
17 American pioneers and institutions, including W.E.B. DuBois, Langston Hughes, Eubie Blake,
18 the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and the first Pan African
19 Congress; and,

20 WHEREAS, February is now nationally recognized as Black History Month throughout
21 the United States and various parts of the world; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
23 recognizes the month of February as Black History Month.