

1 [Commendation.]

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3 **Resolution commending the recognition of Black History Month.**

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5 WHEREAS, February is nationally recognized as Black History Month throughout the
6 United States and various parts of the world; and,

7 WHEREAS, This recognition was originally known as Black History Week, initiated by
8 African American scholar and historian Dr. Carter G. Woodson on February 12, 1926; and,

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Woodson also founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life
10 and History, later renamed the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History,
11 which has historically worked to conserve, preserve, and perpetuate African American history
12 and culture; and,

13 WHEREAS, For several years the second week of February, which was chosen to
14 coincide with the birthdays of the prominent abolitionist Frederick Douglass and president
15 Abraham Lincoln, was celebrated as a time to honor the contributions made to our
16 communities, societies, nations and the world by African Americans; and,

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

20 WHEREAS, The month of February is also significant for the birthdays of great African
21 American pioneers and institutions, including W.E.B. DuBois, Langston Hughes, Eubie Blake,
22 the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and the first Pan African
23 Congress; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
25 extends its highest commendation in recognition of Black History Month.