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1	[Black History Month - February]
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3	Resolution recognizing every February as Black History Month in the City and County
4	of San Francisco.
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6	WHEREAS, African American scholar and historian Dr. Carter G. Woodson founded
7	the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, later renamed to the Association for
8	the Study of Afro-American Life and History, which has historically worked to preserve,
9	sustain, and commemorate African American history and culture; and
10	WHEREAS, On February 12, 1926, Dr. Woodson designated the second week of
11	February, chosen to coincide with the birthdays of the prominent abolitionist Frederick
12	Douglass and President Abraham Lincoln, as Black History Week, to honor the contributions
13	made to our country and the world by African Americans; and
14	WHEREAS, Black History Month was first proposed by Black educators and the Black
15	United Students at Kent State University in February 1969 and the first celebration of Black
16	History Month took place at Kent State one year later in 1970; and
17	WHEREAS, Six years later in 1976, Black History Month was lengthened across the
18	country in educational institutions, centers of Black culture and community centers, and
19	recognized by President Gerald Ford during the celebration of the United States Bicentennial;
20	and
21	WHEREAS, The month of February is also significant for the birthdays of great African
22	American pioneers and institutions, including William Edward Burghardt (W.E.B.) Du Bois,
23	Langston Hughes, Eubie Black, Rosa Parks, Alice Walker, Leontyne Price, Toni Morrison, the
24	National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and the first Pan
25	African Congress; and

1	WHEREAS, February is now nationally recognized as Black History Month throughout
2	the United States and various parts of the world; and
3	WHEREAS, During Black History Month and throughout the year, the City and County
4	of San Francisco reflects on more than 400 years of Black history, heritage, struggles, and
5	contributions of Black Americans; now, therefore, be it
6	RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco recognizes February as Black
7	History Month and commits to reparations and policies that improve the lives of Black people
8	in the City.
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Introduction Form

By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or Mayor

Time stamp or meeting date I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one): 1. For reference to Committee. (An Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment). 2. Request for next printed agenda Without Reference to Committee. 3. Request for hearing on a subject matter at Committee. 4. Request for letter beginning: "Supervisor inquiries" 5. City Attorney Request. 6. Call File No. from Committee. 7. Budget Analyst request (attached written motion). 8. Substitute Legislation File No. 9. Reactivate File No. 10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the BOS on Please check the appropriate boxes. The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following: Small Business Commission ☐ Youth Commission Ethics Commission **Building Inspection Commission** Planning Commission Note: For the Imperative Agenda (a resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Form. Sponsor(s): Walton, Ronen, Melgar, Stefani, Chan, Mar Subject: **Black History Month** The text is listed: Resolution recognizing Black History Month.

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: /s/ Shamann Walton

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