

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 10

Senator Santana, Chang, McMorrow, Moss, Anthony, Bayer, Bellino, Brinks, Bumstead, Camilleri, Cavanagh, Cherry, Damoose, Hauck, Hertel, Hoitenga, Huizenga, Irwin, Klinefelt, Lauwers, McCann, Nesbitt, Polehanki, Shink, Singh, Theis, Victory, Webber and Wojno offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to recognize February 2025 as Black History
2 Month.

3 Whereas, The origins of Black History Month began as a concept
4 in 1915, and in earnest in 1924 when Dr. Carter G. Woodson, through
5 his beloved Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., created Negro History
6 and Literature Week in the United States. Since 1976, every United
7 States President has adopted the month of February as Black History
8 Month, an annual celebration of African-American achievements and
9 roles in our history; and

10 Whereas, As a result of growing awareness of Black identity

1 and the contributions of the Civil Rights Movement, Black History
2 Month is a time to reflect on the burdens of racial prejudice and
3 to explore, understand, and appreciate the identities and cultures
4 across and within the African diaspora; and

5 Whereas, We pay tribute to, not only the many African-American
6 historical figures in our nation's history, but also the hidden
7 figures that have contributed to American ingenuity and innovation
8 throughout the existence of this great nation, the celebration of
9 which has evolved into a month-long celebration of Black progress
10 and power; and

11 Whereas, President Gerald R. Ford officially recognized Black
12 History Month in 1976, calling upon the public to "seize the
13 opportunity to honor the too often neglected accomplishments of
14 Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history";
15 and

16 Whereas, Michigan recognizes the injustices that African-
17 Americans have endured and commends the African-American community
18 for the continuous pursuit of overcoming those injustices, while
19 changing the course and nature of history. We honor the prominent
20 leaders and activists who have paved the way for equality and
21 justice; now, therefore, be it

22 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
23 body recognize February 2025 as Black History Month; and be it
24 further

25 Resolved, That we honor the contributions and sacrifices made
26 toward building pride in Black history and educating all Americans;
27 and be it further

28 Resolved, That we join other organizations throughout the
29 state of Michigan and this country to raise awareness about the

1 hardships African-Americans have endured, celebrate the milestones
2 achieved, and continue the unrelenting pursuit of equality and
3 justice for all.