

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 10

Senator Santana 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  
11 and the contributions of the Civil Rights Movement, Black History  
12 Month is a time to reflect on the burdens of racial prejudice and  
13 to explore, understand, and appreciate the identities and cultures  
14 across and within the African diaspora; and

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

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

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

18           Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative  
19 body recognize February 2025 as Black History Month; and be it  
20 further

21           Resolved, That we honor the contributions and sacrifices made  
22 toward building pride in Black history and educating all Americans;  
23 and be it further

24           Resolved, That we join other organizations throughout the  
25 state of Michigan and this country to raise awareness about the  
26 hardships African-Americans have endured, celebrate the milestones  
27 achieved, and continue the unrelenting pursuit of equality and  
28 justice for all.