

# Proclamation



*WHEREAS,*

During Black History Month, we celebrate the many achievements and contributions made by African Americans to our economic, cultural, spiritual and political development; and



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recognizing the need to promote and celebrate the often forgotten accomplishments of African-Americans, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, an African-American historian, author, and educator, established Black History Week in 1926 to highlight those accomplishments; and



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Dr. Woodson chose the second week of February to celebrate Black History Week because it marked the birthdays of two men who greatly influenced the history of African-Americans: Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln; and



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February has other important dates in African-American history: W.E.B. Dubois was born on February 3, 1870, the 15<sup>th</sup> Amendment, which granted African-Americans the right to vote, was passed on February 25, 1870, and the first African-American Senator, Hiram R. Revels, took his oath of office on February 12, 1909;



***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,*** That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners commemoates Black History Month and acknowledges the many contributions of African-Americans to the United States of America, and does hereby proclaim the month of February as "**BLACK HISTORY APPRECIATION MONTH**" in Fulton County, Georgia.



Fulton County Board of Commissioners

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Commissioner

Attest:

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Commissioner

Clerk to the Commission

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