

**RESOLUTION IN OBSERVANCE OF FEBRUARY 2021 AS
BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN FULTON COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Black History Month is an annual celebration which recognizes the significant contributions of Black Americans throughout our nation's history, through their contributions in arts, education, entertainment, law, politics, sciences, sports and so much more; and

WHEREAS, since the establishment of Fulton County in 1853, and even before, Black Americans have played a vital and critical role in the development and betterment of Fulton County, Georgia, in a host of areas including business and economics, health and medicine, education, social and cultural advancement, making the County a leader in the Southeast and in the nation in in multiple areas; and

WHEREAS, the history of Black History Month traces back to 1915, when the "Father of Black History Month," Dr. Carter G. Woodson, founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, which is currently known as the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH); and

WHEREAS, through their diligence and commitment to African-American citizens, Dr. Woodson, the second man to earn a Ph.D. from Harvard University, and the ASALH introduced the first Negro History Week in February 1926, which later over time grew into a month-long celebration; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, President Gerald R. Ford issued the first African-American History Month presidential proclamation, calling upon all Americans to join in the celebration of this observance each February, and since then, U.S. presidents have issued proclamations to pay tribute to African Americans; and

WHEREAS, Fulton County has been home to many of those African-American leaders, activists and forward-thinking persons we honor, those who have made our

County, our State, and our nation a "more perfect union," even through the darkest days of lynching, inequality and Jim Crow (segregation); and

WHEREAS, in recognition of Black History Month 2021, the ASALH selected "The Black Family: Representation, Identity, and Diversity" as this year's theme.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County enthusiastically joins in the national observance of Black History Month, and hereby honors the lives and legacies of those Fulton County citizens who have made significant contributions to our way of life, both in the past, and those yet to come in the future; and urges all Fulton County citizens to use the month as an opportunity to learn more about Black history and participate in the observance through various programs, services and events in Fulton County and around the country; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Board of Commissioners directs the Clerk to the Commission to spread this Resolution upon the official minutes and record of the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County, Georgia, and disseminate the Resolution appropriately throughout all of Fulton County and to the citizens and stakeholders in the County.

SO PASSED AND ADOPTED, this 3RD day of February 2021.

**FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS**

SPONSORED BY:


Commissioner Khadijah Abdur-Rahman
District 6

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