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### **CITY COUNCIL OF THE City of Annapolis**

#### **Resolution 5-19**

**Introduced by: Mayor Buckley, Alderman Savidge,  
Aldermen Finlayson, Pindell Charles and Tierney**

**A RESOLUTION** concerning

#### **Black History Month**

**FOR** the purpose of recognizing and celebrating the month of February as Black History Month; and affirming that the City of Annapolis encourages all of its citizens to acknowledge the important contributions to American culture that have been made by African Americans.

**WHEREAS**, the month of February is recognized as Black History Month, which is a time during which the contributions of African Americans to the pioneering, development, and leadership of the United States of America should be specially acknowledged; and

**WHEREAS**, the concept of such a period of African awareness was established in 1926 by Dr. Carter G. Woodson, with the hope that such a time would serve to help all Americans to become more aware of the contributions of their respective ethnic groups; and

**WHEREAS**, the month of February was chosen for Black History Month due to the fact that the birthdays of the great Americans Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass occur in February; and

**WHEREAS**, just as African Americans have contributed to the history and culture of the United States, African Annapolitans have contributed in a meaningful way to the history and culture of the City of Annapolis; and

**WHEREAS**, John C. Chambers, Jr. served as an alderman and mayor of the City of Annapolis; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council expresses its desire that the citizens of the City of Annapolis recognize and celebrate, each year, Black History Month in perpetuity; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of "Black History Month" is to underscore the contributions and achievements of African Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Annapolis further acknowledges the contributions and achievements of African Americans by promoting the following events:

**City of Annapolis Mayor's Office and the Maryland Department of Health**

*"The Burden of Opioid addiction among African Americans/Blacks  
in Maryland: Current Interventions"*

Panel Discussion and Webcast

February 8, 2019

**City of Annapolis Mayor's Office**

*Diaspora 2019*

Black History Month Celebration

February 23, 2019

**NOW THEREFORE,**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the month of February shall be and is hereby recognized and celebrated as Black History Month.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the City of Annapolis encourages all of its citizens to acknowledge the important contributions to American culture that have been made by African Americans.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that this resolution shall take effect from the date of its passage.

**EXPLANATION**

Underlining indicates matter added to existing law.  
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