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

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7 **CITY COUNCIL OF THE**
8 **City of Annapolis**

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10 **Resolution 5-19**

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12 **Introduced by: Mayor Buckley**

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15 **A RESOLUTION** concerning

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17 **Black History Month**

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

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24 **WHEREAS,** the month of February is recognized as Black History Month, which is a time during
25 which the contributions of African Americans to the pioneering, development, and
26 leadership of the United States of America should be specially acknowledged; and
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28 **WHEREAS,** the concept of such a period of African awareness was established in 1926 by Dr.
29 Carter G. Woodson, with the hope that such a time would serve to help all
30 Americans to become more aware of the contributions of their respective ethnic
31 groups; and
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33 **WHEREAS,** the month of February was chosen for Black History Month due to the fact that the
34 birthdays of the great Americans Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass occur
35 in February; and
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37 **WHEREAS,** just as African Americans have contributed to the history and culture of the United
38 States, African Annapolitans have contributed in a meaningful way to the history
39 and culture of the City of Annapolis; and
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41 **WHEREAS,** John C. Chambers, Jr. served as an alderman and mayor of the City of Annapolis;
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44 **WHEREAS,** the City Council expresses its desire that the citizens of the City of Annapolis
45 recognize and celebrate, each year, Black History Month in perpetuity; and
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1 **WHEREAS**, the purpose of "Black History Month" is to underscore the contributions and
2 achievements of African Americans; and

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4 **WHEREAS**, the City of Annapolis further acknowledges the contributions and achievements of
5 African Americans by promoting the following events:
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8 **City of Annapolis Mayor's Office and the Maryland Department of Health**

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

11 Panel Discussion and Webcast

12 February 8, 2019
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15 **City of Annapolis Mayor's Office**

16 *Diaspora 2019*

17 Black History Month Celebration

18 February 23, 2019
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20 **NOW THEREFORE,**

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22 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the month of February shall
23 be and is hereby recognized and celebrated as Black History Month.
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25 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that the City
26 of Annapolis encourages all of its citizens to acknowledge the important contributions to American
27 culture that have been made by African Americans.
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29 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that this
30 resolution shall take effect from the date of its passage.
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33 **EXPLANATION**

34 Underlining indicates matter added to existing law.

35 [~~Strikethrough~~] indicates matter stricken from existing law.
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