



Legislation Text

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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.

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE
City of Annapolis**

Resolution 5-19

**Introduced by: Mayor Buckley, Alderman Savidge,
Alderwomen 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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