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# Resolution

of the City Council

## Black History Month February 2001

**W**HEREAS, Americans of African descent helped develop our nation in countless ways, those recognized, unrecognized, and unrecorded; and

**W**HEREAS, the contributions of Black American citizens as scientists, inventors, educators, farmers, homemakers, and explorers of earth and sky have been recognized annually during Black History Month; and

**W**HEREAS, the history and contributions of Black American citizens were consistently overlooked and undervalued in the curricula of public educational institutions prior to the Civil Rights Act of 1964; and

**W**HEREAS, Carter Goodwin Woodson, a Black historian, recognized these accomplishments and on February 7, 1926, created one of the cultural landmarks of contemporary America, "Negro History Week"; and

**W**HEREAS, in the 1960's, during the height of the Civil Rights Movement, "Negro History Week" was changed to "Black History Week" and in 1976 was expanded to "Black History Month" as part of the national Bicentennial Celebration; and

**W**HEREAS, the annual theme for Black History Month asks all Americans to remember the contributions that African-American women and African-American men have made to this nation and this world, the battles fought, and the battles that must continue to be fought to ensure a place in history for African-American women and African-American men.

**N**OW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Sacramento, that we do hereby recognize the month of February 2001 as **Black History Month** and do hereby encourage the residents of Sacramento to participate in the many planned activities celebrating this occasion.

ISSUED: This 13<sup>th</sup> Day of February 2001.

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HEATHER FARGO, MAYOR

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