

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 2016 AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, Carter Woodson, spearheaded the first observation of Negro History Week in 1926;

WHEREAS, this observation was expanded to a month of observation in 1976;

WHEREAS, February was chosen as Black History month to further demonstrate the contributions of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln who both had birthdays during February;

WHEREAS, Greensboro is one of the most significant sites to play a role in the Civil Rights movement through the bravery and leadership of the A&T Four, David Richmond, Franklin McCain, Ezell Blair, Jr., and Joseph McNeil.

WHEREAS, Greensboro is proud home of two of North Carolina's eleven Historically Black Colleges in North Carolina A&T State University and Bennett College;

WHEREAS, Greensboro is the proud home to pioneers such as Henry Frye, the first African American Chief Justice in North Carolina;

WHEREAS, this month the City of Greensboro will celebrate Black History month through events, programs and television shows on Greensboro Television Network;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENSBORO:

That it wishes to proudly recognize February 2016 as Black History month.