

Resolution

ENROLLED HOUSE
RESOLUTION NO. 1006

By: Harris and Pae

A Resolution recognizing February as Black History Month; recognizing the African American Community in Oklahoma; and celebrating the contributions of African Americans to the history of Oklahoma and the United States.

WHEREAS, National African American History Month, also referred to as African American History Month and Black History Month, is annually observed in the month of February; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress passed Public Law 99-244 in 1986 to officially designate February as National Black History Month in the United States to pay tribute and celebrate the significant achievements and contributions made by Black Americans; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month is celebrated in February to commemorate the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln, both significant leaders in the abolition of slavery; and

WHEREAS, numerous Oklahomans identify as African American; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month serves as an opportunity to acknowledge and recognize the role Black Americans have played in shaping of our culture, society, and history, in Oklahoma and the United States; and

WHEREAS, the contributions of African Americans include but are not limited to advancements in civil rights, business, education, innovation, and leadership that have shaped this state and country to what we know today; and

WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma acknowledges the impact and role Black Americans have played in shaping the culture, progress, and history of our country; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize and celebrate the significant achievements and progress made by groups of Americans that strengthen our society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the observance of Black History Month serves as an opportunity for all citizens to celebrate the achievements of African Americans, furthering that environment of togetherness.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 60TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the month of February is formally recognized by the Oklahoma House of Representatives as Black History Month.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives recognizes the contributions of Black Americans to the history of Oklahoma and the United States.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 25th day of February, 2025.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this _____
day of _____, 20 _____, at _____ o'clock _____ M.

By: _____