

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

3 HOUSE
4 RESOLUTION 1006

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

15 WHEREAS, the United States Congress passed Public Law 99-244 in
16 1986 to officially designate February as National Black History
17 Month in the United States to pay tribute and celebrate the
18 significant achievements and contributions made by Black Americans;

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

22 WHEREAS, numerous Oklahomans identify as African American;

23 WHEREAS, Black History Month serves as an opportunity to
24 acknowledge and recognize the role Black Americans have played in

1 shaping of our culture, society, and history, in Oklahoma and the
2 United States;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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