

## 1997 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 28

February 12, 1997 – Introduced by Representative Morris-Tatum, cosponsored by Senator Moore. Referred to Committee on Rules.

| 1  | Relating to: declaring the week of February 24, 1997, African-American Cultural   |
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| 2  | Heritage Week.  |
| 3  | Whereas, African-Americans have both maintained a rich distinctive culture        |
| 4  | and have made major contributions to American culture in general; and             |
| 5  | Whereas, through the contributions of such African-Americans as the               |
| 6  | Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., El-Hajj Malik El-Shabbazz, Shirley          |
| 7  | Chisholm and Reverend Jesse Jackson, America's views of itself and of the world   |
| 8  | have grown to incorporate new ideas and directions; and                           |
| 9  | Whereas, through the contributions of African-American musicians and              |
| 10 | writers; such as Louis Armstrong, Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Leontyne Price,    |
| 11 | Andre Watts, James Baldwin, Richard Wright and Toni Morrison; the American        |
| 12 | culture has been enriched and appreciated around the world; and                   |
| 13 | Whereas, African-American sports figures, such as Reggie White of the Green       |
| 14 | Bay Packers, have demonstrated their ability to be not only role models for their |
| 15 | teams, but also role models off the field for the state and the nation; and       |
| 16 | Whereas, African-Americans have kept alive and derived pride and unity from       |
| 17 | other aspects of their cultural traditions; now, therefore, be it                 |

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the members of the Wisconsin legislature commend African-Americans for their cultural achievements and recognize the value of those achievements to African-Americans and to other Americans; and, be it further

Resolved, That in order to encourage everyone in this state to recognize and salute the richness of African-American culture, the members of the Wisconsin legislature declare the week of February 24, 1997, "African-American Cultural Heritage Week".

9 (END)