



1999 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 22

February 16, 1999 - Introduced by Representatives MORRIS-TATUM, RILEY, YOUNG, WILLIAMS, TURNER and COGGS, cosponsored by Senator GEORGE. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** declaring February African-American Cultural Heritage Month.

2 Whereas, African-Americans have both maintained a rich distinctive culture
3 and have made major contributions to American culture in general; and

4 Whereas, through the contributions of such African-Americans as the
5 Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., El-Hajj Malik El-Shabbazz, Shirley
6 Chisholm, Reverend Jesse Jackson and Vernon Jordan, America's views of itself and
7 of the world have grown to incorporate new ideas and directions; and

8 Whereas, through the contributions of African-American musicians and
9 writers; such as Louis Armstrong, Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Leontyne Price,
10 Andre Watts, James Baldwin, Richard Wright and Toni Morrison; the American
11 culture has been enriched and appreciated around the world; and

12 Whereas, African-American sports figures, such as Reggie White of the Green
13 Bay Packers, have demonstrated their ability to be not only role models for their
14 teams, but also role models off the field for the state and the nation; and

1 Whereas, African–Americans have kept alive and derived pride and unity from
2 other aspects of their cultural traditions; now, therefore, be it

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

7 ***Resolved, That*** in order to encourage everyone in this state to recognize and
8 salute the richness of African–American culture, the members of the Wisconsin
9 legislature declare February “African–American Cultural Heritage Month”.

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