



State of Wisconsin
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2021 SENATE RESOLUTION 13

February 18, 2022 - Introduced by Senators BRADLEY, COWLES, JACQUE and KOOYENGA. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** proclaiming February 2022 as Black History Month.

2 Whereas, Black History Month provides a deliberate opportunity to reflect on
3 the common humanity underlying all people and to raise awareness and foster
4 respect for the heritage and contributions of people of African descent; and

5 Whereas, the existence of Africans in North America can be traced back to 1525,
6 and through 1866 the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade is estimated to have ensnared
7 more than 12 million African people, with an estimated 10 million surviving the
8 unconscionable Middle Passage, landing in North America, the Caribbean, and
9 South America; and

10 Whereas, Wisconsin history first references African descendants in a speech
11 given in 1725 by a chief of the Illinois Indians, in which he said “a negro belonging
12 to Monsieur de Boisbriant” at Green Bay; and

13 Whereas, the United States has recognized Black history annually since
14 February 12, 1926, first as “Negro History Week” and later as “Black History Month,”

