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.

Relating to: declaring February African–American Cultural Heritage Month.

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

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

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

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

Whereas, African-Americans have kept alive and derived pride and unity from
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 February "African-American Cultural Heritage Month".

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