

1999 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 25

1 **Relating to:** declaring February African–American History and Cultural Heritage
2 Month.

3 Whereas, we acknowledge and honor the estimated 11,000,000 to 12,000,000
4 African men, women and children who were forcibly embarked on European vessels
5 for a life of slavery in the Western Hemisphere and the 9,000,000 to 10,000,000
6 enslaved African survivors of the Middle Passage to America; and

7 Whereas, throughout the struggle African–Americans have maintained a rich
8 distinctive culture and have made major contributions to the American culture and
9 the world; and

10 Whereas, through the contributions of such African–Americans as Fredrick
11 Douglas, W.E.B. Du Bois, Booker T. Washington, Thurgood Marshall, Reverend Dr.
12 Martin Luther King, Fannie Lou Hamer, Malik El Shabazz, Shirley Chisholm and
13 James Cameron, the founder of the first and only Black holocaust museum in the
14 United States (located in Milwaukee), America’s views of itself and of the world have
15 grown to incorporate new ideas and directions; and

