

## 1999 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 25

February 10, 2000 – Introduced by Representative MORRIS-TATUM. Referred to Committee on Rules.

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

1           Whereas, through the contributions of African–American musicians and  
2 writers such as Louis Armstrong, Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Leontyne Price,  
3 Marian Anderson, Andre Watts, Phyllis Wheatley, James Baldwin, Richard Wright,  
4 Maya Angelou and Toni Morrison, the American culture has been enriched and  
5 appreciated around the world; and

6           Whereas, African–American sports figures, such as Tommy Smith, John Carlos  
7 and Muhammad Ali, have demonstrated their ability to be role models on and off the  
8 field and in and out of the ring when they stood up for their rights and beliefs; and

9           Whereas, through the contributions of such African–Americans as Dr. Charles  
10 Drew, George Washington Carver, Dr. Mae C. Jemison and Garrett Morgan, the  
11 worlds of medicine, science and technology were advanced; and

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

14           ***Resolved by the assembly, That*** the members of the Wisconsin assembly  
15 remember and commend African–Americans for their achievements and recognize  
16 the value of those achievements to African–Americans and to other Americans; and,  
17 be it further

18           ***Resolved, That*** in order to encourage everyone in this state to recognize and  
19 salute African–American history and culture, the members of the Wisconsin  
20 assembly declare February “African–American History and Cultural Heritage  
21 Month”.

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