

# State of Wisconsin



2001 Assembly Resolution 5

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## ENGROSSED RESOLUTION

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

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

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

Whereas, through the contributions of such African–Americans as Harriet Tubman, Sojourner Truth, Fredrick Douglass, W.E.B. Du Bois, Booker T. Washington, Thurgood Marshall, Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Fannie Lou Hamer, Malik El Shabazz, Shirley Chisholm, and James Cameron, the founder of the first and only Black holocaust museum in the United States (located in Milwaukee), 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, Marian Anderson, Andre Watts, Phyllis Wheatley, James Baldwin, Richard Wright, Maya Angelou, and Toni Morrison, the American culture has been enriched and appreciated around the world; and

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

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

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

*Resolved by the assembly, That* the members of the Wisconsin assembly remember and commend African-Americans for their 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 African-American history and culture, the members of the Wisconsin assembly declare February "African-American History and Cultural Heritage Month."

State Capitol  
Madison, Wisconsin

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Representative Scott R. Jensen  
Speaker of the Assembly

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Date

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John A. Scocos  
Assembly Chief Clerk

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## 2001 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 5

February 1, 2001 – Introduced by Representatives MORRIS-TATUM, YOUNG, TURNER, BOCK, POCAN, CARPENTER, SHERMAN, RICHARDS, RYBA, BOYLE, PLOUFF, KREUSER, WASSERMAN, WILLIAMS, RILEY and COGGS. Referred to Committee on Rules.

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- 02-01. A. Introduced by Representatives **Morris-Tatum, Young, Turner, Bock, Pocan, Carpenter, Sherman, Richards, Ryba, Boyle, Plouff, Kreuser, Wasserman, Williams, Riley and Coggs.**
- 02-01. A. Read and referred to committee on Rules.
- 02-01. A. Rules suspended to withdraw from committee on Rules and take up ..... 61
- 02-01. A. **Adopted** ..... 61