

**A PROCLAMATION  
BY THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT  
RECOGNIZING  
FEBRUARY AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, a graduate of Berea College in Kentucky, initiated Black History Week on February 12, 1926; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1976, as part of the nation's Bicentennial, Black History Week was expanded and became established as Black History Month, and is now celebrated all over North America; and

**WHEREAS**, Black History Month seeks to bridge the gap wherein American history failed to accurately portray and record the achievements of Blacks; and

**WHEREAS**, Black History Month acknowledges the many valuable contributions made by African Americans in almost every area of American life and history; and

**WHEREAS**, The African American experience is a story from which we all can learn. It is a story of triumph in the face of immense obstacles and barriers. More importantly, it is a story that speaks to the essence of this nation's great democratic ideal; and

*Now we therefore hereby proclaim February as Black History Month in the Louisville/Jefferson County Metro area and urge all citizens to be mindful of the many valuable contributions of African Americans in our society.*

***Done, at the Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Council, this the 11th day of February 2016.***

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