

**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 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 Metro Council, this the 12th  
day of February 2015.***

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