

**PROCLAMATION  
BY THE  
LOUISVILLE METRO COUNCIL**

**WHEREAS**, noted historian and educator Carter G. Woodson initiated Black History Week February 12, 1926, which was expanded in 1976 to Black History Month, to celebrate and commemorate and incorporate the contributions of African Americans into the overall history of America; and

**WHEREAS**, African Americans have made significant contributions to American history the most notable being the election of President Barack Obama to the presidency of the United States in 2008 and in 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, many African American Louisvillians have made notable contributions to American history including, but not limited to the following, in the military: Airmen Julius W. Calloway and John S. Sloan; in the legal profession: Justice William E. McAnulty, Jr., and judges Charles H. Anderson and Benjamin Shobe; in the field of education: Dr. J. Blaine Hudson, Woodford R. Porter, Sr., Dr. Charles H. Parrish, Lyman T. Johnson, Atwood S. Wilson and Dr. Joseph H. McMillan; in the medical profession: doctors Roscoe Bryant, William Kean, and Joyce Howell Young; in the field of athletics: Muhammad Ali, Leonard Lyles and Wesley Unseld; in the musical and artistic arenas: George C. Wolfe, Jewel K. McNary, Robert “Bubba” Thompson, Sam Gilliam, Ed Hamilton, Robert Douglas, Kenneth Clay, and Lionel Hampton; in the media: Mervin Aubespin and Frank L. Stanley, Sr.; and

**WHEREAS**, Black History Month is a time for all Americans to recognize, commemorate, and reflect upon the tremendous contributions made by people of African descent to America’s diverse heritage, culture, and global history; and to inspire American leadership on all levels to continue efforts to bring about a more informed, peaceful, mutually respectful, and prosperous society for all citizens.

**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 this 13<sup>th</sup> Day of February, 2014**

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By: Councilwoman Mary C. Woolridge  
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