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An Outline of the Superintendent of Schools' Recommendation to the Board of Education

New Program: Yes No **X**

Modified Program: Yes No **X**

Subject: Proclamation Commemorating *National African American History Month* in the Prince George's County Public School System.

Abstract and Highlights:

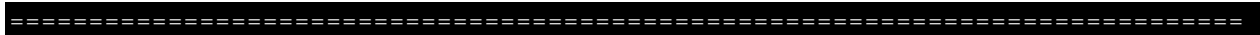
The month of February has been designated National African American History Month. The observance of a special period for focusing on the contributions of Americans of African descent highlights noteworthy Americans who have played defining roles in shaping our nation and the thousands who are continuing to further the cause of freedom, equality, and social change through public action, service in government, the military and other organizations.

All schools are asked to plan special activities for the month of February. A list of relevant readings is available in the High School, Middle School, and Elementary School Social Studies Google Sites. Other helpful resources, lessons, and activities will be sent to each school.

Budget Implications: No Budget implications.

Staffing Implications: No staffing implications.

School(s) Affected: All Schools



Preparation Date: January 6, 2010

Endorsed: _____

Person Preparing: Phyllis Evans

Chief Academic Officer

Board Agenda Introduction Date (Consent Item): January 14, 2010

Board Action Date (Consent Item): January 14, 2010

Approved: _____

Superintendent of Schools

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RESOLUTION

PROCLAMATION

National African American History Month

February 2010

The History of Black Economic Empowerment

WHEREAS, from its inception, the United States has been a landscape peopled by diverse ethnic and racial groups, today, virtually all peoples are represented; and

WHEREAS, during the early years of the twentieth century, a small number of intellectuals such as W.E.B. DuBois, Theodore Herzl, and Randolph Bourne believed that modern America should embrace the cultural differences that newcomers brought with them and that American Democracy could sustain our differences in harmony; and

WHEREAS, Carter G. Woodson did most to forge an intellectual movement to educate Americans about cultural diversity and democracy for the sake of African Americans and all Americans, the multiculturalism of our times is built on the labors of Woodson and the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. Woodson should be known as the Father of Black History, and he should also be acclaimed as a pioneer of multiculturalism; and

WHEREAS, as we celebrate National African American History Month, let us all commit ourselves to raising awareness and appreciation of African American history. Let us teach our children to rise above brutality and bigotry and to be champions of liberty, human dignity, and equality on all levels. Let us rededicate ourselves to affirming the promise of our great Nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Prince George's County hereby honors African Americans for their many contributions to our country and the world by recognizing the month of February 2010 as *National African American History Month* in the Prince George's County Public School System; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Prince George's County hereby calls upon all school administrators, educators, students, and citizens of Prince George's County to honor this observance with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

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