

**MOTION: PORTER**

**February 11, 2021  
Regular Meeting  
HRC RES 21-1**

**SECOND: BRUMAR**

**RE: RESOLUTION TO DECLARE, AFFIRM AND RECOGNIZE THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY OF 2021 AS NATIONAL AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH**

**ACTION: APPROVED**

**WHEREAS**, during National African American History Month, we celebrate the vast contributions of African Americans to our Nation's history and identity; and

**WHEREAS**, National African American History Month grew out of the establishment, in 1926, of Negro History Week by Dr. Carter G. Woodson a Virginian, and the Association for the Study of African American Life and History; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2021 national theme for the observance is "The Black Family: Representation, Identity and Diversity", and

**WHEREAS**, Prince William County continues to be the home of people of many races, ethnicities, cultures, national origins, religions, sexual orientations, gender identities and gender expressions. The Prince William County Human Rights Commission takes pride in celebrating our diversity and the positive contributions African American families have made and continue to make in our County; and

**WHEREAS**, African Americans have been a significant piece of the fabric of Prince William County since the 1600's, both enslaved and free, like Benjamin Lewis, a free black man in England, who was brought into this country under a contract to serve four years, just as white indentured servants were.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Prince William County Human Rights Commission recognizes through this resolution the Month of February 2021 as National African American History Month in Prince William County and encourage all residents to honor and celebrate African American history and culture in our County.

**Votes:**

**Ayes:** Porter, Usman, Young, Johnston, Laos, BruMar

**Nays:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Absent from the meeting:** James, Pridgen, Holly

**ATTEST:**



Executive Director