

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 285282

ADOPTED ON FEB 06 1995

WHEREAS, The City of San Diego designates February as "National Black History Month," a time set apart to promote the study of Black History and its leaders; and

WHEREAS, Black history is filled with significant events and stories of a people who fought bravely to found a nation that embraced the concepts of liberty and opportunity for all; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month serves to remind us of many historical milestones for freedom in our country, as February 1, 1865 is the ratification date of the 13th amendment to the U.S. Constitution that abolished slavery; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month serves not only as a celebration of this country's African American people, but also promotes a spirit of brotherhood and cooperation within all of America's multi-ethnic society; and

WHEREAS, by any standard, the African American struggle in this country has been a great one; and

WHEREAS, in the immortal words of Booker T. Washington, "success is to be measured not so much by the position one has reached, but by the obstacles he has overcome while trying to succeed"; and

WHEREAS, by this measure of success, Blacks in America have much to be proud of; and

WHEREAS, all Americans should reflect upon their great

heritage, take pride in the achievements of their leaders, and remember the importance of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity in our daily lives; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, hereby proclaims the month of February 1995 to be "**BLACK HISTORY MONTH**" in The City of San Diego and encourages all citizens to recognize the history of accomplishments of African American leaders and join in realizing the American Dream of equal opportunity for all citizens.

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