



- The scientific advancements of Dr. Daniel Hale Williams, George Washington Carver, Charles Drew, Benjamin Banneker, Percy Julian, and Mae Jemison; and
- The vision of leaders such as W.E.B. Du Bois, Mary McLeod Bethune, Thurgood Marshall, Malcom X, Martin Luther King, Jr., Fred Hampton, Jesse Jackson, Shirley Chisholm, Harold Washington, and Barak Obama; and

WHEREAS, The birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass inspired the creation of Negro History Week, the precursor to Black History Month; and

WHEREAS, Negro History Week represented the culmination of Dr. Carter G. Woodson's efforts to enhance knowledge of Black history, efforts that began with the Journal of Negro History, published by Woodson's Association for the Study of African-American Life and History; and

WHEREAS, February's official designation as Black History Month dates back to 1926, when Dr. Woodson set aside this special period of time to recognize the heritage and achievement of Black Americans; now, therefore,

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