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**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH
FEBRUARY 2005**

WHEREAS, Negro History week originated in 1926 from an idea which was conceived by Carter G. Woodson, a black historian who was known as the 'Father of Black History'; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of National Negro History Week was to emphasize the significance of the historical experiences of Black Americans - their advancements, struggles, triumphs, contributions, and successes. During the 1960's, the observance was expanded and became known as Black History Month; and

WHEREAS, the rich history and heritage of African Americans is documented in the fields of education, medicine, science, music, art, dance, architecture, drama, athletics, entertainment, politics, religion, engineering, technology and many other fields. This rich cultural and historical background has given inspiration and has provided identity for African Americans; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month is an annual observance wherein attention is focused on the significant and numerous achievements of African Americans, their many contributions to the growth and development of this country, and their past and current status in this country and the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, in conjunction with other organizations and groups throughout the United States, hereby declares and proclaims the month of **February, 2005** as

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

and urges all schools, centers, and departments within its jurisdiction, and the Broward County community, to join in the celebration of this significant and historical observance.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 18TH day of January 2005.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Stephanie Arma Kraft, Esq., Chair

ATTEST: _____
Franklin L. Till, Jr., Superintendent of Schools