



City of Hollywood

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A Proclamation In Recognition Of Black History Month, February 2017.

Staff Recommends: Presentation of Proclamation.

Explanation:

Americans have recognized Black History Month annually since 1926, first as "Negro History Week" and later as "Black History Month".

The person who was largely responsible for the origin of this celebration was Dr. Carter G. Woodson, a Harvard educated scholar who established the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (now called the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History) in 1915 and founded the Journal of Negro History in 1916. In 1926, Dr. Woodson launched Negro History Week as an initiative to bring national attention to the contributions of black people. The actual celebration of "Black History Month" did not start until the 1960`s.

Dr. Woodson chose February as the month to celebrate Black History because of the significance that the month of February had on Black American history.

This year's theme for Black History Month 2017 is "The Crisis of Black Education".

The following individual will be accepting the proclamation:

1. Mary Mites Campbell - City of Hollywood African American Advisory Council Chairperson
2. Henry Graham - Liberia Economic and Social Development, Inc. Executive Director
3. Daphne Dilbert - AT&T Pioneers Board Member
4. Andrew Hall - AT&T Pioneers Board President

Recommended for inclusion on the agenda by:

Josh Levy, Mayor

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager

Gus Zambrano, Assistant City Manager, Sustainable Development