



Legislation Text

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Fiscal Note

No fiscal impact.

Title

Recognizing February 2022 as Black History Month in the City of Madison

Body

WHEREAS, to commemorate and celebrate the contributions to our nation made by people of Black descent, American historian Carter G. Woodson established Black History Week nearly a century ago; and,

WHEREAS, the event was first celebrated during the second week of February 1926 and subsequently expanded to a month in 1976 during the nation's bicentennial; and,

WHEREAS, the theme of Black History Month for 2022 is "Black Health and Wellness," focusing on the activities, rituals, and initiatives that Black communities have done to be well; and,

WHEREAS, the theme for 2022 explores the legacy of Black scholars, medical practitioners, grassroots organizers, societies, and other groups and individuals who have impacted Black health and wellness - offering aid; building hospitals, clinics, and medical and nursing schools; and combatting economic, health, and racial disparities experienced by Black communities; among other accomplishments; and,

WHEREAS, Black Americans have made significant contributions to health and wellness, including those in Madison such as, but not limited to:

- Black Women's Wellness;
- Cairasu All Things Alzheimer's;
- Cultural Recovery Option for Families;
- Ease-of-Mind Mental Health Solutions;
- Meadowood Health Partnership; and,

WHEREAS, through these efforts, activism, education, and more, modern-day Black health and wellness continues the fight against healthcare inequities and has expanded beyond physical well-being to include the mental and emotional support of Black individuals and communities in Madison and beyond;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Madison Common Council recognize February 2022 as Black History Month in the City of Madison and around the United States.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the city encourages the celebration of this month by inviting all residents in the city to learn more about Black health and wellness to better understand the varied and rich history and experiences of Black Americans and how they have shaped our nation.

(Source: <https://asalh.org/black-history-themes/>)