

MOTION: Baldwin

**January 09, 2025
Regular Meeting
HRC RES 25 - 01**

SECOND: Ginoba

RE: A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE, AFFIRM, AND RECOGNIZE THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2025 AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

ACTION:

WHEREAS, during Black History Month, we celebrate the vast contributions of African Americans to our Nation's history and identity; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month grew out of the establishment, in 1926, of Negro History Week by Dr. Carter G. Woodson a Virginian, and the Association for the Study of African American Life and History; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme for Black History Month , **African Americans, and Labor**, focuses on the various and profound ways that work and working of all kinds free and unfree, skilled, and unskilled, vocational and voluntary intersect with the collective experiences of Black people.

WHEREAS, 2025 marks the 100-year anniversary of the creation of Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters and Maids by labor organizer and civil rights activist A. Philip Randolph, which was the first Black union to receive a charter in the American Federation of Labor.

WHEREAS, the theme, "**African Americans and Labor**," intends to encourage broad reflections on intersections between Black people's work and their workplaces in all their iterations and key moments, themes, and events in Black history and culture across time and space and throughout the U.S., Africa, and the Diaspora.

WHEREAS, Over the years to combat the exploitation of Black labor, wage discrepancies, and employment discrimination based on race, sex, and gender, Black professionals (teachers, nurses, musicians, and lawyers, etc.) occupations (steel workers, washerwomen, dock workers, sports, arts and sciences, etc.) organized for better working conditions and compensation..

WHEREAS, African Americans have been a significant piece of the fabric of Prince William County to include the arts since the 1600's, both enslaved and free

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William County Human Rights Commission recognizes through this resolution the Month of February 2025 as Black History Month in Prince William County and encourage all residents to honor and celebrate the contributions of African Americans to the workforce in or county.


Votes:

Ayes: Porter, BruMar, Young, Pratter, Baldwin, Muz, Johnston, Ginoba, Sparkes

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Absent from the meeting: None

ATTEST:  _____

Executive Director