

MOTION: Porter

**February 10, 2022
Regular Meeting
HRC RES 22-01**

SECOND: James

RE: A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE, AFFIRM AND RECOGNIZE BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2022.

ACTION: APPROVED

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, we recognize this year’s Black History Month theme of “Black Health and Wellness”; and

WHEREAS, African Americans are more likely to die at an early age from all causes, more commonly misdiagnosed, and impacted by health inequities throughout the health care system; and

WHEREAS, we now celebrate Black health and wellness, including the legacy of Black scholars, midwives, nurses, doctors, and practitioners of not only Western medicine, but all the other indigenous ways of promoting health and healing throughout the Black diaspora; and

WHEREAS, Prince William County continues to be the home of people of many races, ethnicities, cultures, national origins, religions, sexual orientations, gender identities and gender expressions. The Prince William County Human Rights Commission takes pride in celebrating our diversity and the positive contributions African American families have made and continue to make in our County; and

WHEREAS, African Americans have been a significant piece of the fabric of Prince William County since the 1600’s, both enslaved and free, like Benjamin Lewis, a free black man in England, who was brought into this country under a contract to serve four years, just as white indentured servants were.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William County Human Rights Commission recognizes through this resolution the Month of February 2022 as Black History Month in Prince William County and encourage all residents to honor and celebrate Black history and culture in our County.

Votes:

Ayes: James, Muz, Johnston, Laos, and Porter

Nays: Lee

Abstained:

Absent from the meeting: Young, Pratter, and BruMar

ATTEST:  _____

Executive Director