

**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**February 21, 2018**

**RESOLUTION TO PROCLAIM FEBRUARY 2018 AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH  
IN EATON COUNTY**

**Introduced by Commissioner Blake Mulder**

Commissioner Spence moved for the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Freeman.

**WHEREAS**, the original celebration of Black History Month, also known as African American Heritage Month, began in 1926 through the efforts of Dr. Carter G. Woodson; and,

**WHEREAS**, black Americans have a rich heritage and Black History Month is an opportunity to reflect on and commemorate the countless accomplishments and contributions of black Americans throughout the history of this country; and,

**WHEREAS**, black Americans have made and continue to make breakthroughs in areas from medicine, education, and public service to music, art, and human rights, moving our state forward and helping to fulfill Michigan's tremendous potential; and,

**WHEREAS**, this year's theme, "African Americans in Times of War," calls our attention to the heroic contributions of African Americans during our Nation's military conflicts, from the Revolutionary War to present-day operations; and

**WHEREAS**, during this month, we encourage citizens throughout Michigan to recognize, honor and remember the courageous black Americans who sacrificed much and rose above injustice to enrich our society;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim February 2018 as Black History Month in Eaton County. Carried.