

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 19, 2020

**RESOLUTION TO PROCLAIM FEBRUARY 2020 AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH
IN EATON COUNTY**

Introduced by Commissioner Terrance Augustine

Commissioner Augustine moved for the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Droscha.

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, 2020 marks the sesquicentennial of the Fifteenth Amendment (1870) and the right of black men to the ballot after the Civil War and also the centennial of the Nineteenth Amendment and the culmination of the women's suffrage movement; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme, "African Americans and the Vote," which speaks to the struggle on the part of both black men and black women for the right to vote.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim February 2020 as Black History Month in Eaton County. Carried.