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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR NO. 2009-35

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZING AND
CELEBRATING FEBRUARY 2009 AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH.**

WHEREAS, African Americans have played important roles in American history, from making important discoveries to excelling in science, education, law, politics, music, art, and sports; and

WHEREAS, in the view of Carter Woodson, who created "Negro History Week" in 1926, the knowledge and dissemination of African history would "besides building self-esteem among blacks, help eliminate prejudice among whites"; and

WHEREAS, celebrated in the United Kingdom in October, Black History Month is celebrated in February in most countries throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, February - the birth month of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln - was chosen to bear witness to the progress and richness of African Americans' achievements; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month is an opportunity for all to reflect on the history, culture, and teachings of African Americans who have contributed to our state, nation, and world; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month reaffirms American's commitment to equity of access to economic opportunity, to "color blind" justice, and to educational opportunity for all Americans.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly resolves:

Section 1: That the Assembly recognizes and celebrates February 2009 as

"BLACK HISTORY MONTH"

Section 2: That the Assembly encourages Anchorage citizens to participate in our local Black History Month celebration, as we join together in the spirit of love of country, respect for democratic principles, and commitment to solidarity and equal opportunity for all Americans.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 24th day of February, 2009.


Chair

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