A Proclamation

Whereas, African Americans continue to be a vital part of the Commonwealth's rich diversity by contributing significantly to all aspects of daily life, including education, medicine, commerce, agriculture, public service, technology and the arts; and

Whereas, African Americans trace their heritage to a diverse group of nations and the close cultural, social, and economic ties between these countries and the Commonwealth promise to expand and strengthen as we continue through the 21st century; and

Whereas, African American owned businesses, including enterprises from neighborhood storefronts to multinational corporations, are vital to the economic growth, wealth and job creation in the Commonwealth; and

Whereas, it is appropriate that all residents recognize African Americans for their many contributions to the cities and towns across our Commonwealth,

Now, Therefore, I, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim February 11th to February 28th, 2019, to be,

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this fourth day of February, in the year two thousand and nineteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-second.

BY HIS EXCELLENCE

Charles Baker
Governor of the Commonwealth

Karyn E. Polito
Lt. Governor of the Commonwealth

William Francis Galvin
Secretary of the Commonwealth

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts