

Kenosha



County

MEMORANDUM

Communication to Kenosha County Board of Supervisors
(For Informational Purposes Only)

COMMUNICATION TO APPEAR ON COUNTY BOARD MEETING AGENDA: 11/21/2023

SUBJECT: A Resolution Recognizing February 2024 as "Black History Month"

COMMITTEE: Choose a Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Vice Chair Decker, Supervisors Nedweski and Rodriguez

RESOLUTION TO BE PRESENTED AT Choose a Committee **COMMITTEE ON** [Click here to enter a date.](#)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (optional):



**KENOSHA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Resolution No. _____

Subject: A Resolution Recognizing February 2024 as “Black History Month”			
Original [<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>]	Revised [<input type="checkbox"/>]	2nd Correction [<input type="checkbox"/>]	Resubmitted [<input type="checkbox"/>]
Date Submitted: 11/15/2023		Date Resubmitted:	
Submitted by: Vice Chair Decker, Supervisor Nedweski, and Supervisor Rodriguez			
Fiscal Note Attached [<input type="checkbox"/>]		Legal Note Attached [<input type="checkbox"/>] Agreement	
Prepared by: Vice Chair Decker, Kelsey Hubeler, Joe Potente		Signature:	

WHEREAS, the origin of Black History Month began in 1915 by historian and author Dr. Carter G. Woodson; through the organization known as Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) a designated week in February was chosen to celebrate and honor Black Americans; and

WHEREAS, in 1986 Congress designated February as Black History Month; February was identified as it includes the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglas, key figures for Black Americans in US History; and

WHEREAS, Black and African Americans have made innumerable contributions that have enriched American culture and we celebrate their achievements that have shaped our community and country and honor those who fought for freedom, civil rights, and overcoming racial injustices; and

WHEREAS, the central role of Black and African Americans throughout our society including their major influences in the medical, scientific, military, artistic, and economic sectors and communities continue to be critical to our success; and

WHEREAS, the reflection of US History and the contributions of Black and African Americans should be intentional, by uplifting the community and working together to ensure everyone has equal opportunity in Kenosha County;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors proclaims February 2024 as Black History Month to commemorate the tremendous contributions of Black and African Americans, and extends appreciation to the Black community for its contributions throughout Kenosha County, the state of Wisconsin, and the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors encourages members of the public to join in celebrating Black History Month by supporting our Black neighbors and colleagues throughout our community and in business.

Erin Decker

Amanda Nedweski

Zach Rodriguez