

# House Resolution 11 - Introduced

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 11

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1 A Resolution designating February 2013 as Black History  
2 Month.

3 WHEREAS, Black History Month in the United States  
4 dates back to 1926, based upon the efforts of Dr.  
5 Carter G. Woodson, a Harvard-educated scholar descended  
6 from slave parents; and

7 WHEREAS, Black History Month is traditionally  
8 observed in February of each year; and

9 WHEREAS, Black History Month is designated to  
10 recognize and pay tribute to many African Americans  
11 long neglected by society and the history books; and

12 WHEREAS, Black History Month aims to bridge the gap  
13 created by American history's failure to accurately  
14 acknowledge, portray, and record the contributions of  
15 Blacks in society; and

16 WHEREAS, Black History Month acknowledges the  
17 achievements of Blacks in the military, the arts,  
18 civil rights, education, entertainment, history, law,  
19 literature, medicine, music, politics, science, sports,  
20 and other areas; and

21 WHEREAS, the African American population in Iowa has  
22 grown from 1.4 percent of the state population in 1980

1 to 2.5 percent in 2006, and is projected to grow to 3.5  
2 percent by 2030; and

3 WHEREAS, African Americans in Iowa are increasingly  
4 assuming leadership roles in law, medicine, government,  
5 education, the arts, and other areas; and

6 WHEREAS, five African Americans are currently  
7 serving in the House of Representatives; NOW THEREFORE,

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
9 That the House of Representatives designates February  
10 2013 as Black History Month and encourages schools,  
11 community leaders, religious leaders, and all Iowans  
12 to take this opportunity to discover the history of  
13 African Americans in Iowa, from George Washington  
14 Carver to James B. Morris to Simon Estes to Luther and  
15 Willie Glanton, and to learn about the contributions  
16 African Americans continue to make to Iowa's economic  
17 and cultural well-being.