

Proclaiming February As Black History Month In Memory Of Ossie Davis And Sojourner Truth (Isabella Baumfree)

Legislators Aiello, Alfonso, Bartels, Berardi, Busick, Cummings, Dart, DePew, Donaldson, Every, Feldmann, Felicello, Gerentine, Harris, Hathaway, Hyatt, Kraft, Lomita, Loughran, Maloney, McAfee, Meyer, Noonan, Richard Parete, Robert Parete, Provenzano, Roberti, Rodriguez, Shapiro, Stock, Stoeckeler, Tipp and Zimet offer the following:

WHEREAS, Americans have recognized black history annually since 1926, and

WHEREAS, African Americans have contributed greatly towards the cultural, economic and social development of the United States since its inception, and

WHEREAS, African Americans, like all groups, are a vital part of our diverse heritage in Ulster County, and

WHEREAS, Ulster County has historically been a place of activism for the struggle for justice for African Americans and all people of color, and

WHEREAS, Sojourner Truth, a former Hurley and Ulster County resident, fought for justice for her son's life here in Kingston, and

WHEREAS, her activism helped in the national struggle for emancipation of all African Americans and women's rights throughout the United States, and

WHEREAS, Ossie Davis, legendary actor, activist and Hudson Valley resident, fought in the struggle for equality for African Americans, and

WHEREAS, his work with W.E.B. DuBois, A. Philip Randolph, Langston Hughes, Paul Robeson, Richard Wright and Malcolm X helped to end segregation throughout the United States, and

WHEREAS, Ulster County honors the commitment these two African Americans have made to American History.

RESOLVED, the Ulster County Legislature joins the United States and the State of New York in commemorating the month of February as Black History Month, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, Ulster County proclaims February as Black History Month in the memory of two legendary activists Sojourner Truth and Ossie Davis,

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and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 32 NOES: 0
(Legislator Tipp left at 7:17 P.M.)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE

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