

## RESOLUTION NO. 74

### DESIGNATING FEBRUARY 2015 AS “AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH” IN ALBANY COUNTY

Introduced: 2/9/15

By Mss. McKnight, Chapman, Messrs. Clay, Simpson and the Albany County Legislature:

WHEREAS, This month Albany County will join citizens from around the nation to commemorate African-American History Month and pay tribute to the determination and triumphs of African-Americans throughout our Country’s history and to the legacy of their experience, and

WHEREAS, Albany County has chosen “A Century of Black Life, History and Culture” as its theme for the 2015 observance of African-American History Month, and

WHEREAS, Over the past century, African-American life, history and culture have become major forces not only in the County of Albany but in the United States and throughout the world, and

WHEREAS, In 1915, very few could have imagined that African-Americans who participated in music, art and literature would become appreciated by the global community; fewer still could have predicted the prominence achieved by African-Americans as well as other people of African descent, in shaping world politics, war and diplomacy, and

WHEREAS, A century of African-American activism has transformed race relations, challenged American foreign policy and became the American conscience on human rights, and

WHEREAS, This transformation is the result of effort, not chance. Confident that African-American struggles mattered in human history, black scholars, artists, athletes and leaders self-consciously used their talents to change how the world viewed and related to African-Americans, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By this Honorable Body that February 2015 is hereby designated as “A Century of Black Life, History and Culture” in Albany County and all citizens of Albany County are encouraged to reflect upon the African-American contributions to the history and culture of our Nation, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

*Adopted by unanimous vote. 2/10/15*