

**RESOLUTION NO. 59**

**DESIGNATING FEBRUARY 2011 AS “AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH” IN ALBANY COUNTY**

Introduced: 2/14/11

By Mss. Chapman, McKnight, Willingham, Messrs. Clay, Aylward, Ms. Benedict, Messrs. Beston, Bullock, Carman, Clenahan, Clouse, Comisso, Ms. Connolly, Messrs. Cotrofeld, Dawson, Domalewicz, Ethier, Gordon, Higgins, Hoblock, Horstmyer, Houghtaling, Infante, Joyce, Mss. Lockart, Maffia-Tobler, Messrs. Mayo, McCoy, Mendick, Morse, Nichols, Rahm, Reilly, Scavo, Steck, Timmins, Tunny, Ward and Zeilman:

WHEREAS, Albany County this month will join citizens from around the nation to commemorate National 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 “African-Americans and the Civil War” as its theme for the 2011 observance of African-American History Month – a theme which sheds light on the fact that Black soldiers took up arms to help free themselves and liberate a Nation, and

WHEREAS, In 1861, as the United States stood at the brink of Civil War, people of African descent, both enslaved and free persons, waited with a watchful eye, understanding that a war between the North and the South might bring about the destruction of slavery and universal freedom, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By this Honorable Body that February 2011 is hereby designated as “African-American History Month” in Albany County, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That all citizens of Albany County are encouraged to reflect upon the African-American experience and contributions to the history and culture of the 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. 2/14/11*