

RESOLUTION NO. 46

DESIGNATING FEBRUARY 2006 AS AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH IN ALBANY COUNTY

Introduced: 2/13/06

By Mss. McKnight, Willingham, Messrs. Clay, Riddick and the Albany County Legislature:

WHEREAS, Each year during February, Americans pause to reflect on the contributions and determination of African-Americans throughout the history of our nation to achieve equality and help form the United States of America as a diverse nation, and

WHEREAS, African American History Month highlights the African-American legacy and the strength, courage and continuing struggle of African-American men, women and children to meet the challenges of the 21st Century, and

WHEREAS, For the 13th anniversary of national African-American History Month, Albany County has chosen as its theme "Effecting Change through Active Citizenship" to encourage individuals to assume the responsibility of citizenship and build upon the message and lessons taught by Rosa Parks, Coretta Scott King and the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr, whose embrace of non-violent boycotts, sit-ins, freedom rides and marches to advance civil rights for African Americans influenced the course of history for all Americans, and

WHEREAS, It is fitting to recognize the determination, fortitude and innumerable contributions of African-Americans as a reminder that we must be continually vigilant to preserve hard-fought gains for the present and the future, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By this Honorable Body that February 2006 is hereby designated as "African-American History Month" in Albany County and, be it further

RESOLVED, That County employees are invited to participate in the celebration at noon on February 23rd in the Cahill Room of the Harold L. Joyce Albany County Office Building to hear motivational speaker Sheryl Donald, founder and owner of Powerful Beyond Measure, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That all citizens of Albany County are encouraged to reflect upon the African-American experience and participate in functions recognizing and celebrating African-American contributions to American history and culture, and, be it further

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

Adopted by unanimous vote. 2/13/06