

RESOLUTION NO.69

DESIGNATING FEBRUARY 2017 AS “AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH” IN ALBANY COUNTY

Introduced: 2/13/17

By Mss. McKnight, Chapman, Willingham, Messrs. Clay, Fein, Simpson, Bullock, Burgdorf, Clenahan, Commisso, Crouse, Ms. Cunningham, Messrs. Dawson, Domalewicz, Drake, Duncan, Ethier, Feeney, Grimm, Higgins, Hogan, A. Joyce, R. Joyce, Mss. Lekakis, Lockart, Mr. Mayo, Ms. McLean Lane, Messrs. Mendick, Miller, O’Brien, Smith, Stevens, Touchette, Tunny and Ward:

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 “The Crisis in Black Education” as its theme for the 2017 observance of African-American History Month, and

WHEREAS, The theme for 2017 focuses on the crucial role of education in the history of African-Americans, and

WHEREAS, Throughout the last quarter of the twentieth century and continuing today, the crisis in black education has grown significantly in urban neighborhoods where public schools lack resources, endure overcrowding, exhibit a racial achievement gap, and confront policies that fail to deliver substantive opportunities, and

WHEREAS, African-American history is rich in centuries-old efforts of resistance to this crisis, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By this Honorable Body that February 2017 is hereby designated as African-American History Month in Albany County and all citizens of Albany County are encouraged to reflect upon addressing the crisis in black education and one of the most important goals for America’s present and future should be to provide meaningful educational opportunities; 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. 2/13/17