

RESOLUTION NO. 71

DESIGNATING FEBRUARY 2014 AS “AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH” IN ALBANY COUNTY

Introduced: 2/10/14

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 “Civil Rights... Then and Now” as its theme for the 2014 observance of African-American History Month, and

WHEREAS, Most people consider traditional Civil Rights issues to be the struggle for racial equality, some of which we are still faced with today. It has been 50 years since the Civil Rights Act was signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson. Civil Rights is defined as rights to personal liberty established by the 13th and 14th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution and certain Congressional Acts, especially as applied to an individual or a minority group, and

WHEREAS, During the Civil Rights Era, people worked together to end racial segregation and the unequal treatment of African-Americans. Led by so many influential leaders, such as Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, and Thurgood Marshall, protesters used fundamental campaigns in local communities and legal means to transform our Nation and to seek a brighter future for all Americans, and

WHEREAS, The modern African-American Civil Rights Movement has transformed American democracy. It has successfully served as a model for other group advancement efforts involving women, students, Hispanics, the elderly, and so many others. The Civil Rights Movement has changed not only America, but the entire world, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By this Honorable Body that February 2014 is hereby designated as “African-American History Month” 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. 2/10/14