

RESOLUTION NO. 69

DESIGNATING FEBRUARY 2009 AS “AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH” IN ALBANY COUNTY

Introduced: 2/9/09

By Mss. Chapman, McKnight, Willingham, Mr. Clay and the Albany County Legislature:

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 “The Quest for Black Citizenship in the Americas” as its theme for the 2009 observance of African-American History Month – a theme which tells of the struggles of the descendents of African slaves in America to gain full citizenship and celebrates the election and inauguration of Barack Obama as the first American president of African descent, and

WHEREAS, The 2009 African-American History Month tribute also celebrates the 100th anniversary of the founding of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People as a driving force for equality and social justice, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By this Honorable Body that February 2009 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 County employees are invited to participate in saluting pioneers of the struggle for equality during a celebration at 12 noon Thursday, February 26th, in the Cahill Room of the County Office Building, with Anne Pope, Regional Director of the NAACP, as keynote speaker, 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. 2/9/09