

ADDED ITEM

FORSYTH COUNTY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: February 27, 2020 AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 13

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 2020 AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN FORSYTH COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION OR COMMENTS:

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

ATTACHMENTS: YES NO

SIGNATURE: _____ COUNTY MANAGER DATE: February 17, 2020

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 2020 AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH
IN FORSYTH COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

WHEREAS Black History Month celebrates the achievements and contributions of African Americans and their role in shaping the state of North Carolina and the United States;

WHEREAS Dr. Carter G. Woodson, founder of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, first launched Negro History Week in 1926, and is widely regarded as the father of Black History;

WHEREAS African American have long embraced education as a conduit to freedom and success, and despite racial terror, North Carolina's African American sons and daughters earned and imparted education to others, using it to free themselves and uplift others;

WHEREAS North Carolina is home of the largest number of four-year, degree-granting Historically Black Colleges and Universities in the nation including Winston-Salem State University which has a rich heritage of education, activism, and service;

WHEREAS the desire for learning and social activism were sharpened by the writings, teachings and leadership of pioneering Forsyth County African Americans, including Senator Earline Parmon, Commissioners Beaufort Bailey, Walter Marshall, Everette Witherspoon and Mazie Woodruff, County Attorney Davida Martin, Deputy County Manager Ronda Tatum, Clerk to the Board Carla Holt, Library Director Sylvia Sprinkle-Hamiln, and Major Eldridge Alston; and

WHEREAS the quest for scholarship and achievement continues today as African Americans equipped with education and determination take leadership roles in governments, including Deputy County Manager Damon Sanders-Pratt, Assistant County Manager Shontell Robinson, Sheriff Bobby Kimbrough, Captain Debra Chenault, Register of Deeds Lynn Johnson, and Social Services Director Victor Isler;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes the month of February 2020 as Black History Month in Forsyth County, North Carolina.

Adopted this 27th day of February 2020.