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Resolution of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners

RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 2014 AS AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, communities across the United States will host various activities and events in February 2014 in celebration of African-American History Month;

WHEREAS, the 2014 celebration will emphasize the history of the civil rights movement in the United States and the various organizations and individuals who have made a difference in promoting civil rights for people of all colors and ethnic origins; and

WHEREAS, Chatham County residents, living and gone, played a key role in civil rights events, including the march to the Lincoln Memorial on August 27, 1963 and many local efforts to improve civil rights; and

WHEREAS, Chatham County's has a rich African-American heritage, including business owners, elected officials, judges, farmers, pastors, community leaders, educators and even a published slave poet, George Moses Horton, who became the poet laureate of Chatham County; and

WHEREAS, African-Americans continue to be a vital part of Chatham County, with the 2012 United States Census estimating that 13.5 percent of the county population is African American.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners recognizes February 2014 as African American History Month and encourages its residents and educators to participate in activities that celebrate the contributions of African Americans to our nation, state and county.

Adopted this 21st Day of January of 2014 by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners.