

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 60th Legislature (2026)

HOUSE  
RESOLUTION 1034

By: Stewart

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution recognizing February as Black History Month; recognizing the African American Community in Oklahoma; and celebrating the contributions of African Americans to the history of Oklahoma and the United States.

WHEREAS, National African American History Month, also referred to as African American History Month and Black History Month, is annually observed in the month of February; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress passed Public Law 99-244 in 1986 to officially designate February as National Black History Month in the United States to pay tribute and celebrate the significant achievements and contributions made by Black Americans; and

1       WHEREAS, Black History Month is celebrated in February to  
2 commemorate the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln,  
3 both significant leaders in the abolition of slavery; and

4       WHEREAS, numerous Oklahomans identify as African American; and

5       WHEREAS, Black History Month serves as an opportunity to  
6 acknowledge and recognize the role Black Americans have played in  
7 shaping of our culture, society, and history, in Oklahoma and the  
8 United States; and

9       WHEREAS, the contributions of African Americans include but are  
10 not limited to advancements in civil rights, business, education,  
11 innovation, and leadership that have shaped this state and country  
12 to what we know today; and

13       WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma acknowledges the impact and role  
14 Black Americans have played in shaping the culture, progress, and  
15 history of our country; and

16       WHEREAS, it is important to recognize and celebrate the  
17 significant achievements and progress made by groups of Americans  
18 that strengthen our society as a whole; and

19       WHEREAS, the observance of Black History Month serves as an  
20 opportunity for all citizens to celebrate the achievements of  
21 African Americans, furthering an environment of togetherness.

22       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
23 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 60TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

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1        THAT the month of February is formally recognized by the  
2 Oklahoma House of Representatives as Black History Month.

3        THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives recognizes the  
4 contributions of Black Americans to the history of Oklahoma and the  
5 United States.

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