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To celebrate Black History Month 2016 in the City of Columbus, and to recognize the contributions that The Baptist Ministerial Alliance of Columbus & Vicinity has made to advancing civil rights in central Ohio.

WHEREAS, Black History Month, originally named Negro History Week is celebrated during the month of February, and dates back to 1926 when Dr. Carter G. Woodson set aside a special period of time in February to recognize the heritage and achievement of African Americans; and

WHEREAS, The modern Civil Rights Movement was indisputably one of the most pivotal periods in American history; and

WHEREAS, A major reason for the movement's success was its religious leadership. The Reverends Martin Luther King Jr., Andrew Young, Fred Shuttlesworth, Wyatt T. Walker, Joseph Lowery, and Jesse Jackson were just a few of gifted religious figures who had leadership roles in the movement; and

WHEREAS, In many instances African American clergy became the spokespeople for campaigns, articulating the grievances of African Americans, as well as providing messages of inspiration and hope; and

WHEREAS, The Baptist Ministerial Alliance of Columbus & Vicinity fulfills its mission by participating in numerous community engagement activities, including sponsoring a Christmas Food Basket Give Away which benefits more than 225 families. The Baptist Ministerial Alliance also sponsors a Senior Citizen luncheon, as well memberships with Columbus Recreation & Parks allowing 300 school-age children to enjoy swimming pools at area recreation centers; and

WHEREAS, The Baptist Ministerial Alliance of Columbus & Vicinity Civic and Betterment Committee is actively involved in issues affecting the African American community both politically and socially, and has sought a partnership with the City of Columbus and the Columbus Board of Education to ensure that Columbus is the best place to live, work, and raise a family; and

WHEREAS, The Baptist Ministerial Alliance of Columbus & Vicinity along with other prominent civil rights advocates and countless others, are fighting against the social and political hardships facing African Americans to pave a way for future generations to succeed. Now therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

That this Council recognizes the importance of the contributions that The Baptist Ministerial Alliance of Columbus and Vicinity has made to civil rights in central Ohio and does hereby celebrate February 2016, as Black History Month in the City of Columbus.