

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 322

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WHEREAS, February is recognized, acknowledged, and celebrated as Black History Month across the United States; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month is an annual celebration of the achievements, history, and legacy of African Americans and a time for recognizing their pivotal role in the history of Nebraska and our country; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Carter G. Woodson first established Black History Month as a week-long observation, and it was later expanded to a month-long celebration in 1976 by presidential decree; and

WHEREAS, African Americans have contributed significantly to the cultural, social, economic, and political fabric of Nebraska even as they navigate historic and systemic inequities, such as the practice of redlining, to help drive progress and innovation; and

WHEREAS, new chapters in the history of African Americans continue to be written, including the recent appointment of Judge Derek R. Vaughn as the first African American judge of the Nebraska Supreme Court, the appointment of Jewel Rodgers as the first African American Nebraska Poet Laureate, and the election of Mayor John Ewing Jr. as the first African American Mayor of Omaha, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month provides an opportunity for all Nebraskans to reflect on the movement for racial equity, honor the resilience of Black communities, and commit to creating a more abundant future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Legislature recognizes February 2026 as Black History Month in Nebraska.

2. That the Legislature encourages all people to take time this month to celebrate the history, heritage, and culture of African Americans and their contributions to the State of Nebraska and the United States of America.