

**City of Providence**  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

**CHAPTER 2018-46**

No. 449      **AN ORDINANCE REGARDING OBSERVANCE OF THE MONTH OF  
FEBRUARY AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

Approved September 25, 2018

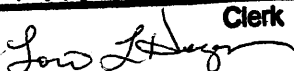
*Be it ordained by the City of Providence:*

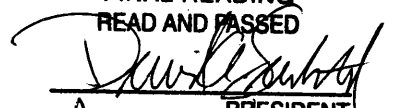
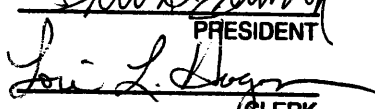
SECTION 1. The Code of Ordinances is amended to add a new Section 2-10.2, which provides as follows:

**2-10.2. Black History Month**

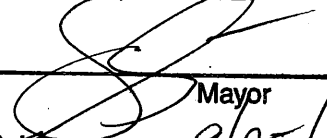
The City of Providence recognizes the month of February as Black History Month in perpetuity to honor the innumerable contributions of African-Americans to Providence, Rhode Island, and the United States of America. Black History Month was initially launched as Negro History Week by Dr. Carter G. Woodson in 1926 and was later expanded to a whole month by the Black United Students and black educators at Kent University in 1970. Black History Month serves as a reminder of all those who fought and continue to fight for social justice, civil rights, and equality. In observance of Black History Month, the City Council of Providence, in collaboration with the City Archives, will host an exhibit every February to honor and recognize the African-American community of Providence and their contributions to the City and State of Rhode Island.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

In City Council  
**MAR 01 2018**  
Read and Passed the First Time  
And Referred to the Committee  
On Ordinances  
 Clerk

**IN CITY  
COUNCIL**  
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FINAL READING  
READ AND PASSED  
 PRESIDENT  
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I HEREBY APPROVE

  
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Mayor  
Date: 9/25/18