



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: January 24, 2012

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Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head: Samuel T. Biscoe, County Judge

Commissioners Court Sponsor: Samuel T. Biscoe, County Judge

AGENDA LANGUAGE:

APPROVE PROCLAMATION FOR AUSTIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT DESIGNATING FEBRUARY 2012 AS "BLACK HISTORY MONTH" IN TRAVIS COUNTY. (JUDGE BISCOE)

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND ATTACHMENTS:

Attached is the proclamation. AISD is not attending the voting session. This item is recommended for the consent agenda.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommend approval.

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

n/a

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

n/a

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:

n/a

AGENDA REQUEST DEADLINE: All agenda requests and supporting materials must be submitted as a pdf to Cheryl Aker in the County Judge's office, Cheryl.Aker@co.travis.tx.us by Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. for the next week's meeting.



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Each February, we proudly recognize important African Americans and events that have shaped American culture, and celebrate those individuals in the same month that President Abraham Lincoln and abolitionist Frederick Douglass were born;

WHEREAS, The national theme for the 2012 Black History Month is “*Black Women in American Culture and History*.” We are called to reflect upon the journey African Americans have made to achieve independence and self-reliance, while we continue to move forward, as the Austin Independent School District (“AISD”) moves forward with its theme for this year’s Black History Month, “*Every Dream A Reality*”;

WHEREAS, We can teach our children that America’s story has been written by men and women of every race and creed and ethnic background. And we can ensure that our laws, our actions, and our words honor the rights and dignity of every human being; and

WHEREAS, This year, the AISD will sponsor its 29th annual “African American Heritage” Celebration and honor those who have made positive contributions to the AISD and Travis County communities on Sunday, February 19, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. at the Austin Convention Center.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Travis County Commissioners Court, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2012 as

“BLACK HISTORY MONTH”

in Travis County, Texas and urge all public officials and all citizens to raise awareness and participate with the Austin Independent School District in this year’s observance in appreciation of African American History.

SIGNED AND ENTERED THIS _____ DAY OF JANUARY, 2012.

SAMUEL T. BISCOE
Travis County Judge

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