



## **Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request**

**Meeting Date:** January 15, 2013

**Prepared By/Phone Number:** Melissa Velasquez, County Judge's Office  
**Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head:** Samuel T. Biscoe, County Judge  
**Commissioners Court Sponsor:** Samuel T. Biscoe, County Judge and  
Commissioner Ron Davis

### **AGENDA LANGUAGE:**

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

### **BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND ATTACHMENTS:**

Attached proclamation.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Recommend approval.

### **ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:**

n/a



# ***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 2013 Black History Month is “*At the Crossroads of Freedom and Equality.*” 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, “*Tomorrow’s Leaders: Education is the Future*”;

**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 30<sup>th</sup> annual “African American Heritage” Celebration and honor those who have made positive contributions to the AISD and Travis County communities on Sunday, February 24, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. at the Palmer Events Center.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that we, the Travis County Commissioners Court, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2013 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, 2013.

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SAMUEL T. BISCOE  
Travis County Judge

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RON DAVIS  
Commissioner, Precinct 1

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