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Proclaim February as African-American Military Month

African-American History Month is an annual observance in the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom for remembrance of important people and events in the history of the African diaspora. In the United States it is celebrated annually in February.

Throughout this nation’s history, from the Battle of Lexington to the Battle for Fallujah, African-American soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines have honorably answered the call to duty, serving with valor and distinction both domestically and overseas. Yet they did so while facing extreme discrimination and under “separate, but equal” segregated conditions. It was not until July 1948 that Executive Order 9981 legally abolished racial segregation in the United States Armed Forces. However, in reality, the last of the all-black units in the United States military was not abolished until September 1954.

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**I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** proclaim February 2017 as “African-American Military History Month” throughout the County of Los Angeles and encourage all Angelenos to express gratitude to African-American service members and acknowledge local organizations and agencies that support them, such as the Tuskegee Airmen Scholarship Foundation, the Tuskegee Airmen – Los Angeles chapter, and the Los Angeles County Department of Military and Veteran Affairs.

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