

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-01-1979

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH; AUTHORIZING AN ESSAY CONTEST FOR ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND THE SUM OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) FOR THIS PURPOSE; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Black History Month is observed annually to spotlight important people and events in the history of the African diaspora, and

WHEREAS, Black History Month began in 1926 when historian Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, announced that the second week of February would be recognized as “Negro History Week”, and

WHEREAS, in 1976, Black History Week was extended to the entire month of February, and

WHEREAS, Councilman Erhabor Ighodaro recommends that the City recognize February as Black History Month, and

WHEREAS, to commemorate Black History Month, Councilman Ighodaro also recommends that the City hosts an essay contest for fourth through ninth graders from elementary and middle schools located in the City of Miami Gardens, and

WHEREAS, it is being recommended that the City expend the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) from the Working Capital Reserve for this purpose,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS: The foregoing Whereas paragraphs are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true, and the same are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution.

Section 2: AUTHORIZATION: The City Council of the City of Miami Gardens hereby recognizes February as Black History Month. The City Council authorizes an essay contest for elementary school students to commemorate Black History Month; and further authorizes the City Manager to expend the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for this purpose.

Section 3: EFFECTIVE DATE: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its final passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 8, 2014.



OLIVER GILBERT, III, MAYOR

ATTEST:



RONETTA TAYLOR, MMC, CITY CLERK

PREPARED BY: SONJA KNIGHTON DICKENS, ESQ., CITY ATTORNEY  
SPONSORED BY: COUNCILMAN ERHABOR IGHODARO, Ph.D.

Moved by: Councilman Williams  
Second by: Councilwoman Odom

VOTE: 7-0

Mayor Oliver Gilbert, III	<u>X</u> (Yes)	_____ (No)
Vice Mayor Lisa Davis	<u>X</u> (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilwoman Lillie Q. Odom	<u>X</u> (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilman David Williams Jr	<u>X</u> (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilwoman Felicia Robinson	<u>X</u> (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilman Rodney Harris	<u>X</u> (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilman Erhabor Ighodaro, Ph.D.	<u>X</u> (Yes)	_____ (No)



## City of Miami Gardens Agenda Cover Memo

<b>Council Meeting Date:</b>	January 8, 2014		<b>Item Type:</b> <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	<b>Resolution</b>	<b>Ordinance</b>	<b>Other</b>	
				x			
<b>Fiscal Impact:</b> <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Ordinance Reading:</b> <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>		<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>	
	x			<b>Public Hearing:</b> <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Funding Source:</b>	01-11-01-511-991 "Working Capital Reserve" (\$1,000)		<b>Advertising Requirement:</b> <i>(Enter X in box)</i>		<b>Yes</b>		<b>No</b>
<b>Contract/P.O. Required:</b> <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>RFP/RFQ/Bid #:</b>				
		X					
<b>Strategic Plan Related</b> <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Strategic Plan Priority Area:</b>	<b>Strategic Plan Obj./Strategy:</b> <i>(list the specific objective/strategy this item will address)</i> N/A			
		X					
<b>Sponsor Name</b>	Erhabor Ighodaro, Council Member		<b>Department:</b> <b>City Manager</b>	<i>Office of the Mayor/Council</i>			

**Short Title:**

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**Staff Summary:**

This resolution supports Councilman Ighodaro 's annual Black History Month event scheduled for Saturday, February 22, 2014, at Carol City Senior High School auditorium. The event honors residents from Miami Gardens for their outstanding contributions as well as sharing important moments in Black History.

**ITEM K-1) CONSENT AGENDA  
RESOLUTION  
Black History Month**

From a historical perspective Black History Month had its beginnings in 1926 in the United States, when historian Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History announced the second week of February to be “Negro History Week”. This week was chosen because it marked the birthday of both Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglas.

In 1976, the federal government acknowledged the expansion of Black History Week to Black History Month by the leaders of the Black United Students at Kent State University in February of 1969. The first celebration of Black History Month occurred at Kent State in February 1970. Six years later during the bicentennial, the expansion of Negro History Week to Black History Month was recognized by the U.S. government. Gerald Ford spoke in regards to this, urging Americans to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.

In honor of Black History Month, and in an effort to reiterate the significant importance of this historical moment, Councilman Ighodaro is seeking to encourage the Miami-Dade County School Board and the 18 local elementary schools in Miami Gardens to participate by inviting fourth and fifth grade students to write a 300 word essay on (title to be determined). The winners will be selected and recognized at the February 26, 2014, City Council Meeting.

**Proposed Action:**

Recommend Council approval of this resolution with a funding of \$1,000.00 to be allocated from Account #01-11-01-511-991-00 “Working Capital Reserve”.

**Attachment:**