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2011 RESOLUTION - "BLACK HISTORY MONTH"

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Council honors the heritage of African Americans and acknowledges their many contributions to our Nation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson established Black History Week in February of 1926, choosing a month that marks the birthdays of two important men who greatly impacted the American black population, Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass; and

WHEREAS, in the year 1976, the observance was expanded to Black History Month; and

WHEREAS, the month of February holds significance from the many milestones it contains: on February 23, 1868, the Civil Rights leader and co-founder of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), W.E.B DuBois, was born; on February 3, 1870, the 15th Amendment, granting blacks the right to vote, was passed; on February 25, 1870, the first black U.S Senator, Hiram R. Revels, took his oath of office; on February 12, 1909, the NAACP was founded in New York City; on February 1, 1960, a civil-rights movement milestone occurred when a courageous group of black college students began a sit-in at a segregated Woolworth's lunch counter in Greensboro, NC; and

WHEREAS, all of these events and historic visionary leaders such as Frederick Douglass, Thurgood Marshall and Martin Luther King, Jr., blazed a trail for freedom, equality and opportunity and symbolize why we celebrate Black History Month; and

WHEREAS, we also remember the life of Coretta Scott King, widow of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who continued her husband's vision of racial peace and nonviolent social change throughout her life.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Bloomfield, County of Essex, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes Black

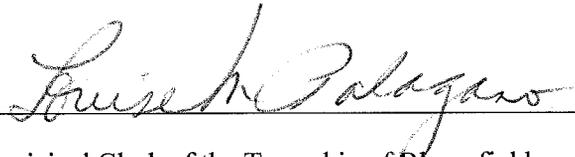
AS TO FORM AND PROCEDURE
ON BASIS OF FACTS SET FORTH
Blair Ford
Attorney of Law Township Attorney

History Month 2011, which honors the many achievements and contributions made by African Americans to our economic, cultural, spiritual and political development; and

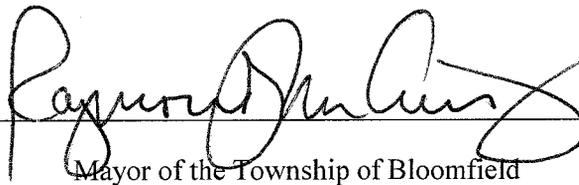
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a copy of this resolution shall be sent to Senators Frank Lautenberg and Robert Menendez and Congressmen William J. Pascrell, Jr.

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I hereby certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Bloomfield at a meeting of said Township Council held on February 7, 2011.



Municipal Clerk of the Township of Bloomfield



Mayor of the Township of Bloomfield

ROLL CALL VOTE

MAYOR & COUNCIL	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
COUNCILWOMAN MALY	✓			
COUNCILMAN JOANOW	✓			
COUNCILMAN RUANE				✓
COUNCILMAN VENEZIA	✓			
COUNCILWOMAN DUNIGAN	✓			
COUNCILMAN HAMILTON	✓			
MAYOR McCARTHY	✓			

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I hereby approve / disapprove of the passage of the attached Resolution.

Yoshi Manale
Township Administrator

If the Township Administrator disapproves of the attached resolution the reasons are as follows: