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African - American History Month

What you need to know about African-American History Month

Q: Why Afro-American (Black) History Month?

A: The true facts of the contributions of Afro-Americans to the discovery, pioneering, development and continuance of America have not properly and adequately been presented in the textbooks, media and other communications media. Indeed, for the most part, Blacks have been left out of the written record about America. The fact that some changes have been made in recent years points to the need for a fuller report about Afro-American contribution. The designation of February as Afro-American History Month is an attempt by ASALH to remedy this neglect and provide for all Americans the information needed for creative and empathetic understanding about Afro-Americans in the nation.

Q: Who started the Afro-American history celebration?

A: In 1926, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, a Harvard Ph.D. who 11 years earlier had founded the Association for the Study of Afro- American Life and History, initiated Negro History Week. In those early days, the words Afro and Black were seldom used. It was Dr. Woodson's hope that through this special observance, all Americans would be reminded of their ethnic roots, and that togetherness in the United States' racial groups would develop out of a mutual respect.

Q: Why was a period in February chosen for the Afro-American (Black) History Observance?

A: Dr. Woodson was keenly conscious of symbolism in the American psyche. He wisely chose for Negro History Week the period of February which contains the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. From its initiation, observance of Afro-American History Month has involved many ethnic groups, not only Black Americans.

Q: Why was the name changed to Afro-American (Black) History?

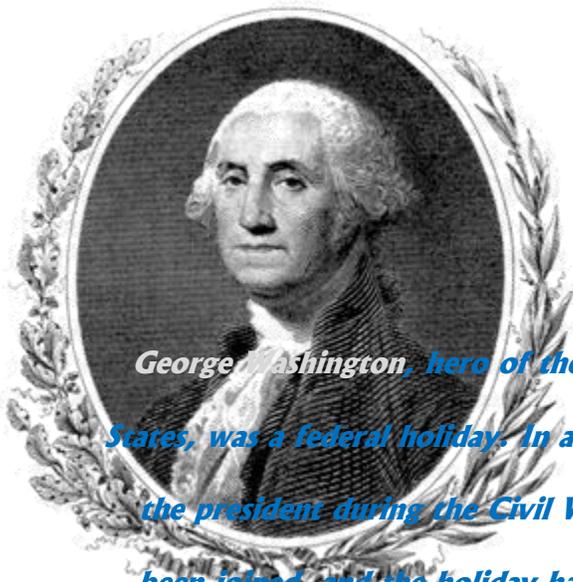
A: Bowing to pressure from young delegates to its Cincinnati, Ohio, Convention in 1972, the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, Inc. changed its name to the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History, Inc. This name change focused on the new thinking by Black Americans and indicated both the new recognition of African background and the Black person's appreciation of himself as an individual, a citizen and a contributor to the American scene.

Read more...

<http://www.africanamericans.com/AAHistoryMonth.htm>

President's Day

February 16, 2009



Until the mid-1970s, the February 22 birthday of George Washington, hero of the Revolutionary War and first president of the United States, was a federal holiday. In addition, the February 12 birthday of Abraham Lincoln, the president during the Civil War, was a holiday in most states. The two days have been joined, and the holiday has been expanded to embrace all past presidents. It is celebrated on the third Monday in February.



Valentine's Day in US

February 14, 2009



Valentine's Day is an extremely popular festival in United States of America. People in US observe a holiday on this day to honor St Valentine and to express love to dear ones. Taking opportunity of the festival people express gratitude and love for sweethearts, spouse, teachers, parents or any other person close to them.

At the American Corner Tetovo St.Valentine`s Day Event with Cynthia Praszczalek, US Embassy Officer

Wednesday, February 11 at 16:00

American Corner Tetovo Celebrates First Anniversary

January 14, 2009

American Corner Tetovo celebrated its first anniversary with speeches by Ambassador Philip Reeker; Elizabeta Kanceska Milevska, the Minister of Culture; and Hazbi Lika, the Mayor of Tetovo. The crowd—American Corner members, other distinguished guests, Peace Corps volunteers, and local residents-- spilled out of the room and into the hallway.



Ambassador Reeker praised the Corner, which now has more than 1,300 members, for “taking a small slice of a building and creating an American presence that far exceeds its physical space.” The Minister of Culture emphasized that the Corner has built a stronger bridge between the U.S. and the Republic of Macedonia, especially by providing opportunities for high school

students to interact with American culture. The celebration ended with performances by students from Tetovo’s music high school.



Coordinator Gezim Sulejmani welcoming the guests



Ambassador Reeker gives Peace Corps volunteer Melissa Hauke a certificate of appreciation





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