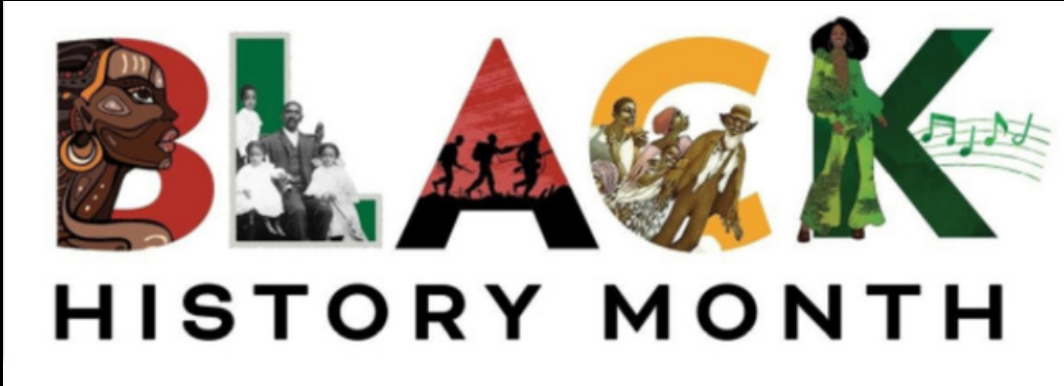




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# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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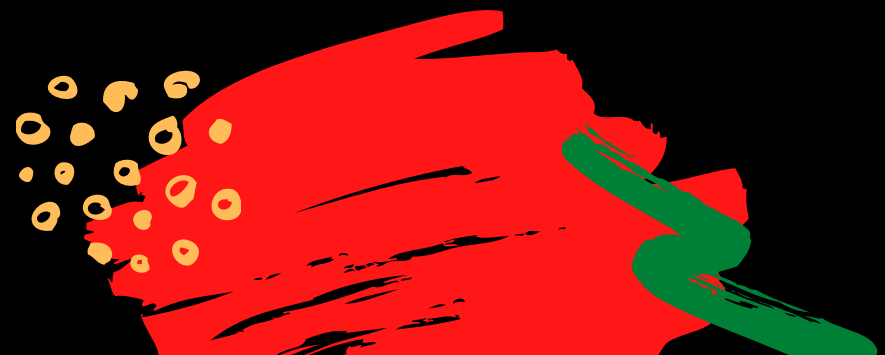
Black History is American History





*The Father of Black History*

- Carter G. Woodson (1875-1950)
- Why the month of February?
- Black History is American History!



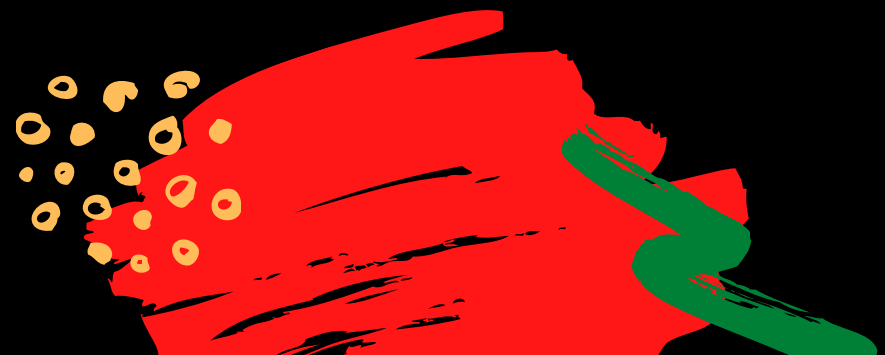


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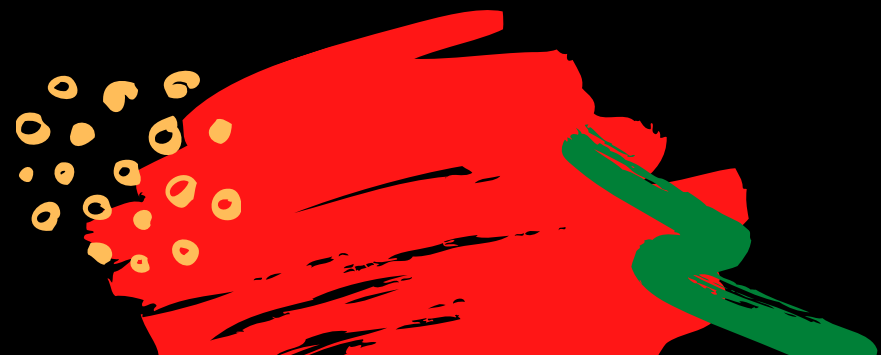




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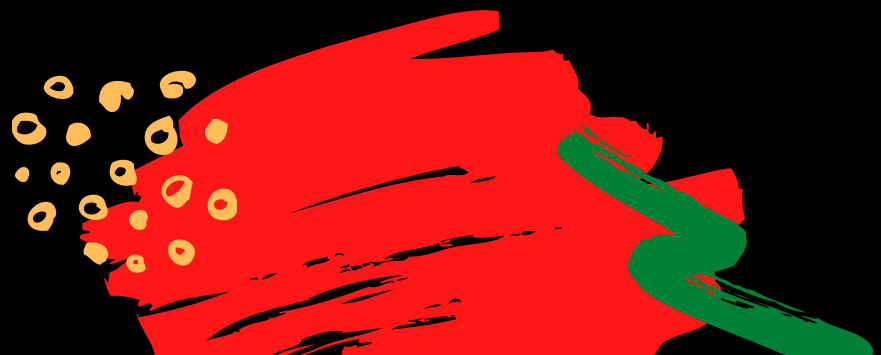
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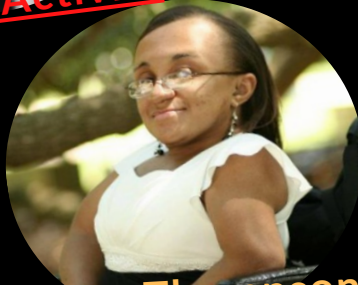
# Black American Trailblazers



Dr. Gladys West  
GPS Innovator



Bayard Rustin- Civil  
Rights Activist



Vilissa Thompson  
Disability Advocate



Robert Smalls  
American War Hero

Why do we pay observance to Black History Month?  
Black History is American history & To celebrate diversity and cultural contributions.  
Highlighting Black history showcases the rich cultural, scientific, political, and artistic contributions of Black individuals, emphasizing the value of diversity in shaping society.



Lorraine Hansberry  
American Playwriter



Michelle Obama  
First Lady, Lawyer



Benjamin Crump  
American Lawyer



Beyonce' Knowles  
American Singer



Denzel Washington  
American Actor



Claudia Gordon  
Disability Advocate

# Ways to commemorate Black History Month

## Learn and Share Black History

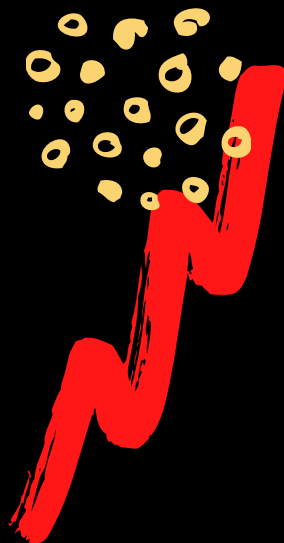
- Read books, watch documentaries, or attend lectures about significant figures and events in Black history.

## Support Black-Owned Businesses and Artists

- Attend events showcasing Black culture, such as art exhibits, concerts, or theater productions.

## Organize Events

- Organize an event, such as a film screening or book club, focused on Black stories and achievements.



## Local Events

- [Black History Kingston Breakfast Mixer at City Hall](#)
- [Dutchess Community College Celebrates](#)
- [Krieger Elementary, City of Poughkeepsie School District](#)
- [Dutchess Art: Still I Rise](#)
- [2025 Black History Celebration - Newburgh Sankofa Project](#)
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