

February Black History Calendar Of Events

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On this day in 1865 President Lincoln signed the joint resolution adopted by the Senate and House of Representatives proposing the 13th amendment.

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John S. Rock was the first Black to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court, 1865.

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The first Black detective novel, *The Conjure-Man Dies* was published by Rudolph Fisher in 1932.

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Two Blacks, A. Philip Randolph and Willard S. Townsend, were elected vice-presidents of the AFL-CIO in 1955.

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The Manumission Society was founded in 1816 by a group of North Carolina Quakers, organized for the purpose of freeing the slaves.

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The first Black quarterback in the American Football League was Marlin Briscoe. He played with the Denver Broncos in 1968.

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President Truman appointed Irwin C. Mollison a judge of the U.S. Customs Court in 1945.

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In 1964 Malcolm X organized the Organization for Afro-American Unity.

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In 1964 Black tennis star Arthur Ashe, Jr. became the first Black member of the American Davis Cup Team.

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The first Black person to serve on the Federal Reserve Board was Andrew Brimmer, 1966.

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Vermont was the first state to abolish slavery, 1777.

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On this date in 1865 Black clergyman Henry Highland Garnet delivered a sermon in the Capitol on the abolition of slavery.

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In 1923 a Black basketball team known as The Renaissance Team was organized.

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Date commemorated as birthday of abolitionist leader Frederick Douglass 1817.

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The Canada Mission was organized in Canada in 1838 to aid the growing number of slaves that had fled there.

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The 99th Pursuit Squadron was the first all Black air combat unit. It was formed at Tuskegee Institute in 1941.

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Between 1889 and 1922 there were 3,436 recorded lynchings of Blacks in the U.S.

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Benjamin Montgomery, slave of Jefferson Davis, invented a boat propeller. U.S. laws prevented slaves from receiving patents so Montgomery was never able to patent his invention.

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From 1790 until the end of the slave period Virginia had the largest Black population.

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The first Black Greek letter society, Alpha Phi Alpha, was organized in 1906.

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Assassination of Malcolm X (El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz) in New York City. 1965

King County Salutes Black History Month



Randy Revelle
King County Executive

Randy Revelle, King County Executive, honors Black History Month and those Blacks who have contributed to King County and world civilization.

Randy Revelle's Goals, Objectives and 1983 Priority Projects:

Affirmative Action Plan: Develop and achieve responsible goals for hiring and promoting women, minorities, and the handicapped within King County government. Of the appointments of Minorities and Women in top level management positions made in 1983, out of thirty Management and Administrative appointments, half are Women and one fourth are Minorities.

