

House Bill 146

By: Representatives Taylor of the 92nd, Hugley of the 141st, Jackson of the 165th, McClain of the 109th, Glaize of the 67th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 holidays and observances, so as to designate the month of April each year as "Black
3 Women's History Month" in Georgia; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for
4 ceremonies and programs; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
5 other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to holidays and
9 observances, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

10 "1-4-27.

11 (a) The General Assembly hereby finds and determines that:

12 (1) The State of Georgia takes great pride in celebrating Black Women's History Month,
13 a celebration that is designed to recognize and applaud the achievements of African
14 American women;

15 (2) Generations of Black women throughout American history have used their
16 intelligence, imagination, sense of wonder, and tenacity to make extraordinary

17 contributions to not only the State of Georgia, but also to the everyday means of how
18 Georgians live;

19 (3) The State of Georgia is home to many women of talent who represent a remarkable
20 range of accomplishments in a wide diversity of specialties, including the arts, literature,
21 film, and television; science and technology; news media; jurisprudence and government;
22 and education;

23 (4) These women's lives and works span the centuries of American history and come
24 from a variety of different cultural and ethnic backgrounds;

25 (5) The State of Georgia is proud to honor all women seeking to advance in all of the
26 important areas of life's work; and

27 (6) There is a need for public education, awareness, and discourse to address the impacts
28 Black women have had and continue to have on the State of Georgia and all its people.

29 (b) The month of April each year is designated as 'Black Women's History Month' in
30 Georgia.

31 (c) Officials and departments of state, county, and municipal governments, boards of
32 education, elementary and secondary schools, colleges and universities, businesses, and all
33 citizens are encouraged to participate in appropriate ceremonies, programs, and activities
34 that commemorate and honor the contributions of Black women throughout each April
35 during Black Women's History Month."

36 **SECTION 2.**

37 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.