

## **RESOLUTION NO. 56**

### **DESIGNATING FEBRUARY 2023 AS “AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH” IN ALBANY COUNTY**

Introduced: 2/13/23

By Clay, A. Joyce, Feeney, Chapman, Efekoro, Fein, Simpson, McLaughlin, Willingham, Beston, Cleary, Kuhn, Lekakis, Miller, Plotsky, Reidy, Reinhardt, Ricard and Ward:

WHEREAS, This month Albany County will join citizens from around the nation to commemorate African-American History Month and pay tribute to the determination and triumphs of African-Americans throughout our Country’s history and the legacy of their experience, and

WHEREAS, Albany County, along with the nation, has selected “Black Resistance” as its theme for the 2023 observance of African-American History Month, and

WHEREAS, African-Americans have resisted historical and ongoing oppression in all forms, particularly the racial terrorism of lynching, racial pogroms, and police killings, and

WHEREAS, Black people have had to consistently push the United States to live up to its ideals of freedom, liberty, and justice for all, and

WHEREAS, Systematic oppression has sought to negate much of the dreams of our griots, like Langston Hughes and Zora Neale Hurston, and our freedom fighters, like the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Septima Clark, and Fannie Lou Hamer fought to realize, and

WHEREAS, Black people have sought ways to nurture and protect Black lives, and for autonomy of their physical and intellectual bodies through armed resistance, voluntary emigration, nonviolence, education, literature, sports, media, and legislation/politics. Black-led institutions and affiliations have lobbied, litigated, legislated, protested, and achieved success, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By this Honorable Body that February 2023 is hereby designated as African-American History Month in Albany County, and all citizens of Albany County are encouraged to reflect upon the history of “Black Resistance”; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.