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NATIONAL AFRICAN AMERICAN/BLACK HISTORY MONTH
OBSERVANCE POSTER**

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Black History Month started as the “Negro History Week” in 1926 and was founded by Dr. Carter G. Woodson, known as the “Father of Black History”. He selected the second week of February because it fell between the birthdays of the famed orator and abolitionist Frederick Douglass and President Abraham Lincoln. In 1976, the celebration expanded to include the entire month.

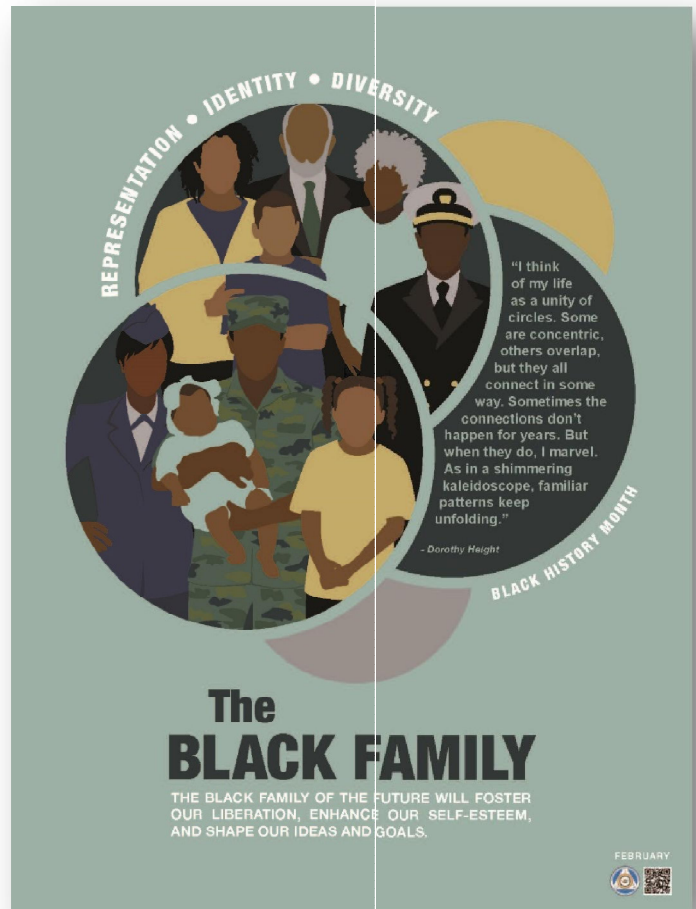
The theme for this year’s Black History Month observance is from the Association for the Study of African American Life and History’s “The Black Family: Representation, Identity, and Diversity.” It is a time for all Americans to reflect on both the history and teachings of African Americans and to focus on the progress, richness and diversity of African American achievements.

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