

MAYOR & COUNCIL AGENDA COVER SHEET

MEETING DATE:

February 17, 2009

CALL TO PODIUM:

Linda Plummer and Nivea Cordova-Berrios-Multicultural Affairs Committee(MAC), Co-Chairs

RESPONSIBLE STAFF:

Crystal Carr
Community Services

AGENDA ITEM:

(please check one)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Presentation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Proclamation/Certificate
<input type="checkbox"/>	Appointment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Hearing
<input type="checkbox"/>	Historic District
<input type="checkbox"/>	Consent Item
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Resolution
<input type="checkbox"/>	Policy Discussion
<input type="checkbox"/>	Work Session Discussion Item
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:

PUBLIC HEARING HISTORY:

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Introduced	
Advertised	
Hearing Date	
Record Held Open	
Policy Discussion	

TITLE:

Proclamation of the Mayor and City Council Designating February 2009 as "African American History Month" in the City of Gaithersburg and Recognition of the BROTHERS Mentoring Program at Gaithersburg High School

SUPPORTING BACKGROUND:

African American History Month is celebrated annually in the United States during the month of February. This celebration started in 1926, by Dr. Carter G. Woodson, who wanted to bring national attention to the large contribution of African-Americans to the history of their country. Woodson chose February as African American history month because it was the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass, and Langston Hughes.

In celebration of African American History Month, the Multicultural Affairs Committee sponsored a reception this evening honoring Gaithersburg High School students of the BROTHERS Mentoring Program. The BROTHERS Mentoring Program (Brothers Reaching Out to Help Each Reach Success) provides peer mediation, conflict resolution, mentoring, and leadership activities so youth will be better able to cope with violence and negative peer influences. Morris Hudson, Coordinator of the program provides in-school peer mediation and supportive sessions to students.

We, now invite, Morris Hudson, Coordinator of the BROTHERS Mentoring Program at Gaithersburg High School to come forward to receive the African American History Month Proclamation as well as present a montage of African American literary works entitled, "Don't Judge Me".

DESIRED OUTCOME:

Presentation and Proclamation for African American History Month