



The University of Alabama at Birmingham
Student Senate 2024-2025

**A Resolution To Call On The Undergraduate Student Government Association to
Recognize Commemorative Dates Relating to Identity and Heritage**

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Date Voted Upon: 2-25-25

WHEREAS, the University of Alabama at Birmingham Undergraduate Student Government Association has the honor and responsibility of representing the entire undergraduate student voice; and

WHEREAS it is the duty of the USGA to lead the undergraduate student body towards positive and relevant changes; and

WHEREAS heritage months such as Black History Month, Women's History Month, Hispanic Heritage Month, Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, Native American Heritage Month, Arab American Heritage Month, Jewish American Heritage Month, and Pride Month, as well as other cultural celebrations, provide an opportunity to recognize and honor the diverse histories and contributions of various groups; and

WHEREAS days such as Juneteenth (June 19), Lunar New Year (typically in January or February), Holocaust Remembrance Day (January 27), Indigenous Peoples' Day (second Monday in October), Martin Luther King Jr. Day (third Monday in January), International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (March 21), and other significant historical days offer moments to reflect upon and celebrate the legacies of social justice, equality, and human rights movements that have shaped our nation; and

WHEREAS celebrating these months and days fosters inclusivity, awareness, and appreciation for the diversity that exists within our campus community, ensuring every student's heritage is acknowledged and respected; and

WHEREAS while the University of Alabama at Birmingham may or may not officially recognize all of these heritage months and historical days, the Undergraduate Student Government Association has the authority and responsibility to ensure that these important observances are celebrated and promoted on campus for the benefit of all students;

NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED, that the UAB USGA, representing the undergraduate student body, will, from the passage of this resolution forward, officially recognize and promote the observance of various heritage months and historical days throughout the academic year, including but not limited to Black History Month in February, Women's History Month in March, Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15, Asian Pacific American Heritage Month in May, Native American Heritage Month in November, Arab American Heritage Month in April, Jewish American Heritage Month in May, Pride Month in June, Juneteenth on June 19, Lunar New Year (typically in January or February), Holocaust Remembrance Day (observed on the 27th of Nisan in the Hebrew calendar), Indigenous Peoples' Day on the second Monday in October, Martin Luther King Jr. Day on the third Monday in January, and International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on March 21; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the UAB USGA will collaborate with campus organizations, student groups, and faculty to ensure these heritage months and days are appropriately celebrated, recognized, and promoted across campus through events, programming, and educational opportunities, regardless of the university's official stance on such observances.

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