

Resolution 1819R-016

By Director Phillips

WHEREAS, The United States embodies a host of nationalities, ethnicities, and races; and

WHEREAS, This broad spectrum of backgrounds has brought with it a vast wealth of experiences, philosophies, and beliefs that have contributed to the greatness of the country and to the progress and welfare of its people; and

WHEREAS, In the process, people of each nationality, ethnicity, or race, at one time or another, have had to overcome cultural, political, and social obstacles in their quest to be accepted fully as Americans; and

WHEREAS, To truly appreciate the accomplishments of all our citizens and the contributions which they have made to this country, we must understand and honor their histories; and

WHEREAS, Milwaukee Public Schools is a reflection of the United States and of the trials and triumphs of its people; and

WHEREAS, The Library of Congress lists the following national commemorative months as having been established by Congress:

- African American History Month (February)
- American Indian Heritage Month (November)
- Asian/Pacific Heritage Month (May)
- Irish-American Heritage Month (March)
- Jewish American Heritage Month (May)
- National Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15-October 15)

WHEREAS, MPS has been outstanding in its celebration of African-American History month, both as a district and in the individual schools, a model which we can use for official recognition of the specific contributions of the other nationalities and ethnicities that our district embraces; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board hereby directs the Administration to research the origins and intent of each of the national commemorative months ~~listed above~~; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That Administration is to work with representative organizations of the respective nationalities or ethnicities to develop a plan to celebrate appropriately each of these commemorative months by bringing to our students, staff, and community an awareness of the contributions made to this country by the respective peoples to be celebrated; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Administration is directed to bring this plan to the Board for its approval ~~no later than 90 days after the adoption of this resolution~~ during the April 2019 Board cycle.

January 24, 2019