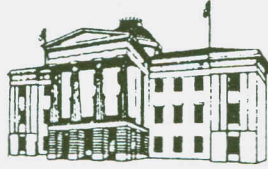


# State of North Carolina



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE  
GOVERNOR

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

2012

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, *Black Women in American Culture and History* is the 2012 national theme for Black History Month, which is observed in North Carolina as a way to encourage all citizens to learn about and appreciate our rich African American history; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is proud to recognize notable women who made a tremendous impact on our state and nation, including abolitionist and author Harriet Jacobs, whose book *Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl*, has inspired and enriched the lives of countless readers, and whose story of survival and triumph still resonates as an example of determination and strength; Charlotte Hawkins Brown, founder of Palmer Memorial Institute, who provided a college preparatory education for black students; singer, songwriter, pianist and activist Nina Simone, whose music helped shaped the political conscience of our nation during the Civil Rights Movement; and folk artist Minnie Evans, known for her brilliant use of color in her work; and

WHEREAS, African American women from North Carolina have been on the forefront of human rights; including Ella Baker, who led nonviolent protests for race equality and civil rights in the 1930's and throughout her life; and civil and women's rights activist lawyer and writer, Pauli Murray, became the first African American female Episcopal priest and co-founder of the National Organization for Women; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina joins the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources with the North Carolina African American Heritage Commission, in recognizing the accomplishments of African American women in North Carolina and their contributions to our way of life; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina State Historic Sites such as the Charlotte Hawkins Brown Museum, numerous North Carolina Highway Historical markers, State Archives and the State Library Genealogy Branch, recognize the lives of African Americans in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month pays tribute to and recognizes the numerous outstanding accomplishments, past and present, that African Americans make to our state, nation, and the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 2012, as "**BLACK HISTORY MONTH**" in North Carolina and call upon all citizens of this state to observe and commemorate Black History Month.



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this tenth day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand and twelve, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-sixth.