

## **RESOLUTION**

### **Recognizing Cultural Heritage Months at Eastern Michigan University**

**WHEREAS**, Eastern Michigan University recognizes that respect for cultural differences is important, and seeks to demonstrate an appreciation of human diversity by providing an atmosphere of mutual respect through its programs and activities; and

**WHEREAS**, Eastern Michigan University continues to be cited for its commitment to campus diversity in the annual "America's Best Colleges" published by U.S. News and World Report as a place where students can learn from others whose backgrounds are different from their own and was recently given the designation of "Best Midwestern College" by The Princeton Review for the fifth straight year; and was recognized by Diverse Issues in Higher Education magazine for the fourth consecutive year for its growing number of African American graduates; and

**WHEREAS**, African American, Asian/Pacific Islander American, Latino American and Native American people have all distinguished themselves, have made significant contributions to the history of the state of Michigan and to the United States, and continue to enrich our nation intellectually, socially and culturally; and

**WHEREAS**, Congress has established September 15 through October 15 as National Hispanic Heritage Month in recognition of the contributions and achievements of Hispanic people, and Eastern Michigan University will celebrate this month with educational and social campus programs, and

**WHEREAS**, the month of November has historically been designated as National Native American History Month, and Eastern Michigan University will celebrate the month with educational and social campus programs, and

**WHEREAS**, the President of the United States has designated the month of February as Black History Month, and members of the Eastern Michigan University community will celebrate with educational and social campus programs, to commence on January 21, 2008 with the President's Luncheon in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and

**WHEREAS**, the President of the United States has designated the month of May as Asian/Pacific Islander American Heritage Month, and Eastern Michigan University will celebrate with educational and social campus programs during the months of April and May,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents calls upon the Eastern Michigan University community to join the President of the United States, the Governor of the great State of Michigan and communities across the Nation in recognizing the many contributions made by African Americans, Asian/Pacific Islander Americans, Hispanic Americans and Native Americans to our state and to our nation by honoring these observances through participation in these programs, ceremonies and activities, and by dedicating themselves to the pursuit of equality.

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