

As Introduced

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S. R. No. 154

Senator Brenner

A RESOLUTION

Recognizing Black Music Month, June 2023.

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the 135th General Assembly 1
of Ohio are pleased to recognize June 2023 as Black Music Month; and 2

WHEREAS, In 1979, President Jimmy Carter declared June to be Black 3
Music Month, and it has been re-designated annually by presidential 4
proclamation. It has been set aside to commemorate and call attention 5
to the contributions this art form has had on America’s treasured 6
cultural heritage; and 7

WHEREAS, Rooted in African rhythms and the experience of slavery 8
in America, Black music became a method of expression, articulating 9
the hopes and dreams, tenacity, sense of loss, and feelings of African 10
Americans. The music has grown and evolved, creating and influencing 11
such genres as spirituals, gospel, folk, jazz, blues, rhythm and 12
blues, rock and roll, soul, pop, rap, and hip-hop, and its messages, 13
often bringing an understanding of the common struggles of humanity, 14
have not only molded American culture but also been emulated around 15
the world; and 16

WHEREAS, Black Music Month offers a time to celebrate the varied 17
songs and artists that challenge us to think critically, stand up to 18
injustice, remember history, promote dignity, instill hope, and 19
inspire creativity. It also provides an opportunity for all Americans 20
to pay homage to the legends of American music and to increase their 21
awareness and appreciation of Black music; therefore be it 22

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Senate of the 135th General 23
Assembly of Ohio, in adopting this Resolution, recognize June 2023 as 24
Black Music Month and encourage all Ohioans to take part in this 25
noteworthy observance; and be it further 26

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly authenticated 27
copies of this Resolution to the news media of Ohio. 28