

~~WHEREAS, Many famous Black Americans were born during the month of January, including Martin Luther King, Jr., George Washington Carver, Sojourner Truth, and Nathaniel Turner; and~~

WHEREAS, All Americans should learn about and recognize the achievements of Black Americans, the important role that Black Americans played throughout the entire history of the United States, and the scientific, literary, and social impact of Black Americans on our world today; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly believes that the ~~months of January and month of~~ February should be commemorated as ~~the~~ Black History ~~Months~~ Month in Maryland; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article - State Government**

**13-502.**

(A) IN RECOGNITION OF THE HISTORICAL CONTRIBUTIONS THAT BLACK AMERICANS HAVE MADE TO THE STATE, THE GOVERNOR SHALL PROCLAIM THE ~~MONTHS OF JANUARY AND~~ MONTH OF FEBRUARY EACH YEAR AS BLACK HISTORY ~~MONTHS~~ MONTH.

(B) THE PROCLAMATION SHALL URGE EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS TO OBSERVE BLACK HISTORY ~~MONTHS~~ MONTH PROPERLY WITH APPROPRIATE PROGRAMS, CEREMONIES, AND ACTIVITIES.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2007.

Approved by the Governor, May 8, 2007.

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**CHAPTER 302**

(Senate Bill 1034)

AN ACT concerning

**Silver Spring District Courthouse - Renaming**