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To: All Staff

From: Philip L. Browning, Director

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2015**

This past Tuesday, the Board of Supervisors proclaimed February 2015 as Black History Month. The Board motion, which was introduced by Mayor Michael D. Antonovich and Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, stated, in part:

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*The County of Los Angeles and its African-American Employees Association will sponsor the official annual observance of Black History Month on Thursday, February 26, 2015, at 11:30 a.m., in Room 381-B of the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration.*

*With the theme "A Century of Black Life, History & Culture," program highlights will feature the Living Legends Honorees, performances by SHINE Mawusi (Sisters Healing Inspiring Nurturing and Empowering), poetry readings, musical entertainment and a thrilling Fashion Show featuring County employees in traditional African attire.*

*The annual observance of Black History Month demonstrates the County's respect for diversity and its willingness to undertake programs that have public value.*

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I am glad that our County leaders recognize the importance of honoring and celebrating Black history in America. I know that many of our DCFS Offices also celebrate Black History Month with a variety of luncheons, events or celebrations. I would appreciate your notifying Elizabeth Orozco [orozce@dcfs.lacounty.gov](mailto:orozce@dcfs.lacounty.gov), or Donnetta M. Baker [bakerde@dcfs.lacounty.gov](mailto:bakerde@dcfs.lacounty.gov) of the date and time of these events so we can maintain a calendar of these activities.

These events celebrate the contributions that African-Americans have made to our society which have often been minimized, even overlooked, in our schools and history books. I join our Board of Supervisors in inviting you all to participate in celebrations of our shared Black history. By doing this we will better know each other and ourselves.

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