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Virginia Department of Education
Superintendent's Memo #030-22**

DATE: February 4, 2022
TO: Division Superintendents
FROM: Jillian Balow, Superintendent of Public Instruction
SUBJECT: **Governor Youngkin's Proclamation for Black History Month in Virginia**

Each February our nation renews a commitment to consider the impact and legacy that Black Americans have had through their leadership on our country. Governor Youngkin on Monday [signed a recognition for Black History Month in the Commonwealth](#). He recognized how "African Americans have both enriched and cultivated every aspect of life while rising above social, political, and economic barriers" and encourages "all Virginians to join the First Lady and me in taking pride in the resilient, optimistic and courageous African American leaders past, present and future."

[Lieutenant Governor Winsome Sears is promoting Black History month on Twitter](#) with daily messages that may be of interest to you as your division celebrates our history of Black Americans.

We look forward to sharing more on Black History Month throughout February. The Virginia Department of Education values the efforts of teachers in promoting a quality and comprehensive exposure to American and Virginia history.

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