



Resolution

Recognizing the 100th Anniversary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

WHEREAS, February 12, 2009 marks the 100th anniversary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization in the United States that has changed America's history; and

WHEREAS, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), originally known as the National Negro Committee, founded in New York City on February 12, 1909, the centennial of Abraham Lincoln's birth, by a multiracial group of activists who answered 'The Call' for a national conference to discuss the civil and political rights of African-Americans; and

WHEREAS, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was founded by a distinguished group of leaders in the struggle for civil and political liberty, including Ida Wells-Barnett, W.E. B. DuBois, Henry Moscowitz, Mary White Ovington, Oswald Garrison Villard, and William English Walling; and

WHEREAS, in 1916, the NAACP founded a branch in the City of Sacramento, serving the citizens' of the City of Sacramento and the Great State of California for over 93 years, advocating for equal protection under the laws for people of all races, creeds and nationalities; and

WHEREAS, the NAACP was prominent in lobbying for the passage of the Civil Rights Acts of 1957, 1960, and 1964, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, the Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, and Coretta Scott King Voting Rights Act Reauthorization and Amendments ACT of 2006, and the Fair Housing Act, laws which ensured Government protection for legal victories achieved; and

WHEREAS, for more than ninety nine years, the NAACP built and grew on the collective courage of millions of people to ensure a society in which African Americans and all individuals have equal rights and there is no racial hatred or racial discrimination; and

NOW, THEREFORE, **BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Sacramento, that we do hereby recognize and commend the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary and wish them continued success in its endeavors to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of all persons.

ISSUED: This 12th Day of February 2009.

KEVIN JOHNSON, MAYOR

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