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**Black American Heritage Flag Bill**

**Whereas,** Black History Month which occurs in February has been recognized by the government of the USA, and by the 57<sup>th</sup> Administration through the African American/Black Student Support Act on February 3, 2021;

**Whereas,** Juneteenth is recognized by the government of the US on June 17<sup>th</sup> 2021 and the by the 58<sup>th</sup> Administration on June 23, 2021;

**Whereas,** the Black American Heritage Flag was designed by Melvin Charles and Gleason T Jackson in 1967 during the pivotal civil rights movement in the US. The flag is also known as the African American Heritage Flag;

**Whereas,** The Black American Heritage Flag is a symbol that represents the pride, history and accomplishments of the African-American community.

**Whereas,** the flag contains diagonal stripes of red and black, with a gold wreath circling a gold blunted sword.


**Whereas,** Red is for the blood that has been shed by the community for freedom, justice and human dignity, while black represents the pride in their skin color and the black community.



**Whereas,** hanging the Black American Heritage Flag during the times of Black History Month and Juneteenth will help UH students learn about Black History through our own flag, and represent the community surrounding the university.

**Therefore, be it enacted by the Student Government Association of the University of Houston:**

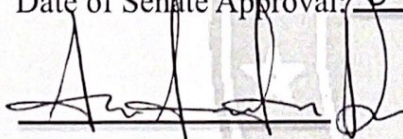
The University of Houston will hang the Black American Heritage Flag by the Student Center South during Black History Month and Juneteenth to help celebrate the Black American students and within the University of Houston and Third Ward community.



Rohit Shajan

Speaker of the Senate

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Arsalan Darbin

Student Government President

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**APPROVED**