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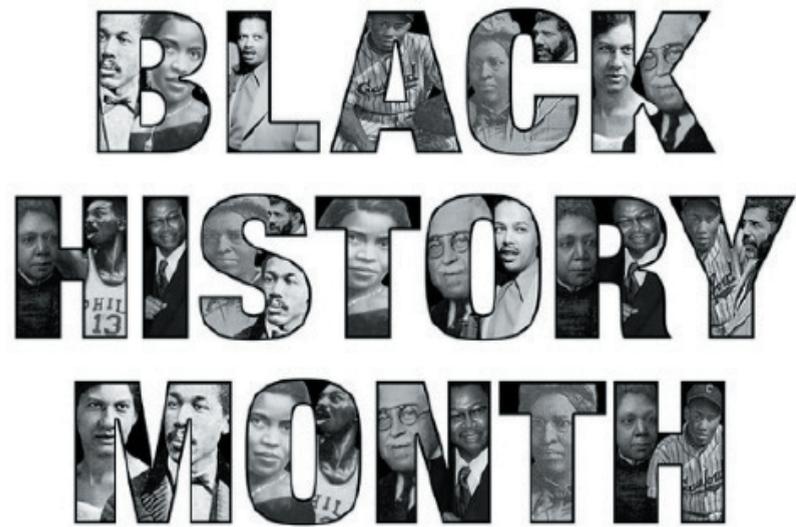
By By Senator Lisa Boscola

LEHIGH VALLEY - Black History Month is a time to pause, reflect, and honor the voices, stories, and achievements that have shaped history and continue to inspire the world today – an annual celebration to recognize the central role and contributions of black people in the Commonwealth and throughout our nation and the world.

It's important to use diverse and engaging resources to help understand the complexities of Black history in a respectful and meaningful way.

February 2026 marks the 100th annual celebration of Black History Month, with the theme "A Century of Black History Commemorations." This annual event began with the foundation of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH) on September 9, 1915, which was formed to study, educate, and disseminate information on the subject. As Director of the Association, Carter G. Woodson later introduced what was originally called Negro History Week in 1925, and celebrated the first of those the following year.

President Gerald Ford issued a message in 1976 recognizing the first Black History Month, which was later made official by Public Law 99-244 in 1986. The month of February was chosen in order to commemorate the birthdays of President Abraham Lincoln, and Civil Rights Leader/Abolitionist Fredrick Douglass.



Honoring Stroudsburg Fire Department

By State Rep. Tarah Probst

STROUDSBURG - Last weekend was the Annual Stroudsburg Fire Department Banquet at The Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort! I presented certificates from the Senate of Pennsylvania to the following exemplary members:

George Gass – 35 Years of Combined Active and Honorary Service; Richard Doleiden – 50 Years of Combined Active and Honorary Service; John Stevens – 55 years of Active Service; David Schlorholtz – 50 Years of Active Service; John Paul Lim III – 45 Years of Active Service; Todd Martin – 45 Years of Active Service

Michael Schroder – 35 Years of Active Service ; Charles Frantz – 30 Years of Active Service.

Congratulations again to all and thank you for serving our community! It is the mission of the Stroudsburg Fire Department to provide an environment and social framework in which the lives of these citizens and the property of individuals and business establishments are protected from harm or damage through Fire Prevention, Fire Education activities and aggressive Firefighting performances in conjunction with upgraded fire equipment, ameliorated training and command enhancements.



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