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# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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THIRTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Bill 39

## **An Act to proclaim Black History Month**

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### **Introduction**

**Introduced by**  
**Madam Lise Thériault**  
**Minister of Immigration and Cultural Communities**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

*The purpose of this bill is to proclaim the month of February  
Black History Month.*

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### **AN ACT TO PROCLAIM BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

AS the Black presence in Québec dates back over 300 years;

AS the contribution of Black people to the history of Québec is little known among Quebecers;

AS recognition of that contribution will prove to be a source of empowerment and pride for members of the Black communities;

AS proclaiming a Black history month will heighten public awareness of the contribution of Black communities to the history of Québec;

AS heightened public awareness of that contribution will encourage the full participation of all in Québec society, promote inclusiveness and openness to pluralism, and foster closer intercultural relations among all Quebecers;

#### **THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

- 1.** The month of February is hereby proclaimed Black History Month.
- 2.** This Act comes into force on 1 February 2007.

