Black History Month began as “Negro History Week,” a label applied by historian Carter G. Woodson in 1926. Woodson was bothered by the fact that many textbooks and other historical reviews minimized or ignored the contributions of black figures. Woodson chose that week because it covered the birthdays of Frederick Douglass (February 14) and Abraham Lincoln (February 12). In 1976, President Gerald Ford made Black History Month official, saying that he was urging everyone to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.” Every February since 1976, the United States has celebrated the achievements of African Americans during Black History Month.https://www.mentalfloss.com/article/91756/why-was-february-chosen-black-history-month
Black History 101
Mobile Museum Presentation

Monday, February 15 11:30 a.m.
Speaker: Dr Khalid el-Hakim
Setzer Student Center Live Oak Ballroom
4:00 p.m.
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Did You Know?

On March 2, 1955, 15-year-old Claudette Colvin refused to give up her seat on a segregated Montgomery, Alabama bus nine days before Rosa Parks.

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