

FEBRUARY 2026

A Century of **Black History** Commemoration



Black History Month is a time to honor the strength, struggles, resilience, lives and achievements of African Americans. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the first celebration of **Negro History Week**, established by Carter G. Woodson in 1926, which laid the foundation for what is now Black History Month.

Over the last century, Black history has been preserved, expanded, and propelled by scholars, activists, artists, and everyday community members who refused to allow truth to be erased. Their efforts have shaped how the past is remembered, how the present is understood and how the future is imagined.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Protecting Our **Hearts**: Recognizing **American Heart Month**

February marks **American Heart Month**, a time to highlight the importance of heart health—especially within Black communities. According to the **American Heart Association's 2025 Heart Disease and Stroke Statistical Update**, Black communities in the U.S. continue to face disproportionately higher risks of heart disease, stroke, and hypertension. Factors such as high blood pressure, diabetes, chronic stress, and limited access to healthcare contribute to these disparities, making heart health awareness and prevention especially critical.



Save the Date: **BPRW Black History Month Webinar**

Mark your calendars! In honor of Black History Month, Black PR Wire will host its annual webinar on **Monday, February 23, 2026**.

This year's webinar will explore key topics impacting Black and Brown professionals and communities today.





Sandra Douglass Morgan
President of the Las Vegas Raiders



Melody Hobson
Owner of the Denver Broncos



Nicole Lynn
Agent to Various Entities

Power Profiler:

Top Black Women Executives in the NFL



Jennifer King
Former Assistant Running Backs Coach with the Washington Commanders



Maia Chaka
Former Officiate in NFL

In honor of **Black History Month** and **Super Bowl LX**, Black PR Wire is highlighting top black women executives in the NFL. These all-stars have scored touchdowns in the sports arena and have accomplished historical wins that will forever be cherished and heralded.

We kick-off this tribute with **Sandra Douglass Morgan**, named President of the Las Vegas Raiders by Owner Mark Davis in July of 2022. She has more than two decades of leadership experience in the sports, gaming, legal and corporate sectors, and has served as a chief regulator, director, attorney, and advisor to integrated resorts, casinos, and telecommunications companies. Having an adept understanding of the community as a native Las Vegas, Sandra is incredibly proud to lead the Silver and Black in her hometown.



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This section is designed to keep you in the know and on the go. Check out some of the latest happenings in Black communities throughout the country this month.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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13 NBA ALL-STAR WEEKEND HBCU CLASSIC 	19 - 21 AFROBEATS FEST 757 	20 STATE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HEALTH POWER SUMMIT '26 	20 - 22 ATLANTA BLACK EXPO 	28 GRAND PRAIRIE BLACK FILM FESTIVAL 

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