

## **Nationally Teaching the Buffalo Soldiers Rich History in Public Schools Educational Curriculum for the Advancement of Strengthening Culture and African American Pride**

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Concurred as amended

**WHEREAS**, In 1866, after the Civil War, Congress created six all-Black Cavalry and Infantry regiments of the U.S. Army known as “The Buffalo Soldiers” to help rebuild the country however, historically educational institutions have not taught students about the contributions of these tens of thousands Black/African American soldiers and it is imperative to ensure that all students receive a historical education to include these soldiers; and

**WHEREAS**, In addition to playing a significant role in many military actions and border security, the Buffalo Soldiers duties included leading the way for western expansion by protecting settlers, building roads and other infrastructure, guarding the U.S. mail, and serving as rangers for the national parks all while having inadequate supplies and being subjected to oppressive and discriminatory conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, Due to their valor service, Buffalo Soldiers earned Medals of Honor as well as numerous campaign and unit citations, and from their ranks emerged leaders including Benjamin O. Davis Sr., Charles Young, and Henry Flipper; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1948 President Harry Truman issued an executive order eliminating racial segregation in the armed forces, and the last African American units were disbanded during the 1950s and the United States Congress created National Buffalo Soldiers Day in 1992 to honor these soldiers; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People would urge all its Units to collaborate with their state and local Boards of Education on curriculum development so that it is more inclusive of Black History, specifically Black Military History, so that it incorporates the history of these great patriots, the Buffalo Soldiers.