



## National Organization of Blacks In Government, Inc.

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February has long been set aside to honor National African American Heritage Month. This year's theme is "The History of Black Economic Empowerment," and the members of the National Organization of Blacks In Government, Inc. honor this legacy. The theme focuses on African Americans, past and present, who have taken the risk to develop businesses throughout the nation.

Through the years, African Americans have struggled and contributed to the economic stability of this nation. Some succeeded, while others failed to reach their full potential; yet, they all stepped out on faith. Blacks In Government pledges to support our local African American business owners in an effort to raise our existing struggling economy to greater stability. As we celebrate National African American Heritage Month, we reflect on the past share croppers, merchant owners, educators, and others who have played a part in nurturing the success of this nation.

Mr. J. David Reeves, National President of Blacks In Government, Inc. stated, "It is from our past that we begin to shape our future. Black businesses have given much to our nation's economy, and we are grateful for the tireless contributions of thousands within our community." As Mr. Reeves remembered Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., he stated, "Dr. King was a great man of our time. He cared enough about America to make it better for me and my fellow sisters and brothers. Today, each of us must continue the work of Dr. King by giving of our time, talents, and efforts to make America greater."

Blacks In Government was organized in 1975 and incorporated as a non-profit organization under the District of Columbia jurisdiction in 1976. BIG continues to be a national response to the need for African Americans in public service to organize around issues of mutual concern and use their collective strength to confront workplace and community issues. BIG's goals are to promote EQUITY in all aspects of American life, EXCELLENCE in public service, and OPPORTUNITY for all Americans.

Blacks In Government joins in celebration with America to teach our children about the heritage and legacy of African Americans. Our history is rich and grows daily.  
**EDUCATE TODAY TO EMPOWER OUR FUTURE!!!**

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