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## **SPECIAL MOTION NO. 1 – CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2025 IN HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM**

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Standing in the names of:

- (i) Councillor Frances Umeh
- (ii) Councillor Max Schmid

This Council notes:

That the national theme for Black History Month 2025 is “Standing Firm in Power and Pride”, reflecting the resilience, strength, and enduring contributions of Black communities across the UK.

That Hammersmith & Fulham is a richly diverse borough, and our schools, community organisations, and cultural institutions play a vital role in amplifying Black history, heritage, and voices.

This Council believes that Black history is British history, and celebrating it strengthens our shared identity and social cohesion. That the theme “Standing Firm in Power and Pride” encourages us to not only honour past achievements but also to commit to power, representation, and dignity for all in our community.

This Council resolves to:

1. Promote and support Black History Month 2025 events across the borough, including the open-air King Street exhibition.
2. Work with our schools and cultural partners to embed Black history in curricula and public programmes beyond October, ensuring sustained engagement and learning.
3. Celebrate local Black leaders, artists, educators and organisations through Council communications, awards, and recognition, showing pride in our community's heritage.