

## REP. ADAMS' STATEMENT RECOGNIZING BLACK HISTORY MONTH



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**Washington, DC-** Today, Congresswoman Alma S. Adams, PhD, Democratic Chairwoman of the Bipartisan Congressional Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Caucus, released the following statement recognizing the beginning of Black History Month:

“For over 400 years, Black Americans have made countless contributions to our nation’s cultural and social fabrics, even when we were not viewed as equal under the law. From Harriet Tubman and Frederick Douglas to Martin Luther King and Shirley Chisholm, our people have fought hard for our seat at the table over the past four centuries. Unfortunately, this Black History Month, that seat is under assault.

“The Trump-Vance Administration’s growing attacks on diversity in our federal government, the rebuff of diversity pledges and programs by corporations and institutions of higher education, and the uncertainty of federal funding for HBCUs and other minority serving institutions have left our community and so many others vulnerable to backsliding on the 400 years of progress that we have made.

“We help make this country great every day of every month of every year. Black History is American History, but this Black History Month we cannot simply celebrate our history. We must also stand up and fight to preserve Black History, four hard-won centuries of progress, and our seat at the table for future generations of Black Americans.”

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*Congresswoman Alma S. Adams, Ph.D. represents North Carolina's 12th Congressional District (Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, Cabarrus County) and serves on the House Committee on Agriculture and the House Committee on Education & Workforce, where she serves as ranking member of the Higher Education and Workforce Development (HEWD) Subcommittee.*

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