THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
VINCENT C. GRAY, MAYOR

Proclamation

AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH

SEPTEMBER 2012

WHEREAS, Africans contribute to the social, cultural and economic character of the District of Columbia and the nation; and

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia celebrates the incredible diversity in ethnic, linguistic, cultural, religious, and political backgrounds within its African constituency, and the African traditions and cultural heritage that have enriched the social fabric of the District of Columbia ; and

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia is home to tens of thousands of African residents, businesses, faith-based organizations and community associations all of which symbolize the growing presence of the African community; and

WHEREAS, raising awareness about African residents and institutions in the District will help to highlight their unique experiences, contributions and challenges as part of the larger District community:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, do hereby proclaim September, 2012, as **"AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH"** in Washington, D.C., and call upon all the residents of this great city to join me in commending the African community.

Vincent C. Gray