

FEBRUARY IS:

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

2018 Theme: African Americans in Times of War

Selected by the [The Association for the Study of African American Life and History](#) (ASALH)

In 1926, Dr. Carter G. Woodson known as the Father of Black History initiated the annual February observance of Negro History Week. He chose February because of Abraham Lincoln's birthday on February 12 and Frederick Douglass' accepted birthday of February 14. In 1976, as part of the United States Bicentennial, the informal expansion of Negro History Week to Black History Month was officially recognized by the U.S. government. Ever since then, every American President has designated the month of February as Black History Month.

SPOTLIGHT: Dr. Doris P. Sartor, National President of Blacks In Government, Inc.

Dr. Sartor was elected as the 2017-2018 National President of Blacks In Government (BIG), Inc. The mission of BIG is to promote equity, excellence and opportunity through training and education for African Americans in local, state, and federal governments and provide opportunities for members/employees to have the ability to maximize their career opportunities.



Photo: Dr. Doris P. Sartor

She has coordinated and conducted Racism and Disparate Treatment Forums throughout the country in various government agencies. Forums allowed individuals to discuss charges of racist, disparate and inappropriate behavior toward them as minorities in the workplace. Forum results were analyzed and recommendations were provided to agencies to proactively address problem areas.

Dr. Sartor was also the project manager for the following publications: Voter Plan of Action, Report on Discrimination and Solution Summit, Racism and Disparate Treatment in the Public Sector, and Affirmative Action and Beyond.

As a seasoned leader, Dr. Doris Sartor has always asked, "What needs to be done?" and focused on "What can and should I do to make a difference." She believes that leadership is making "That" difference, creating positive change, and getting things done."

For More Information: National BIG website: www.bignet.org

NOAA BIG Chapter website: <http://noaabig.org/>

