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Dear Colleague:

February is Black History Month, also known as National African American History Month. During this time, we recognize the contributions of African Americans and the rich cultural heritage that people of African descent bring to our diverse society. I hope you will take a moment to read our Social Security Matters [blog post](#) observing this important commemoration.

Social Security is with you throughout life's journey, and our programs touch people in different ways. For example, nearly a third of elderly African American married couples who receive Social Security depend on it for 90 percent or more of their income. For those who are single, about half do. African Americans have a lower average life expectancy after age 65 than other groups, but they represent a growing segment of the population.

For other thought-provoking facts about African Americans and Social Security, I invite you to visit our newly redesigned [African Americans](#) web page. Here you will find topics of particular concern to this audience, together with helpful information about our programs and services.

Please consider sharing these links with your networks during Black History Month. Thank you for helping Social Security secure today and tomorrow as we recognize the contributions and special concerns of African Americans!

Sincerely,

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