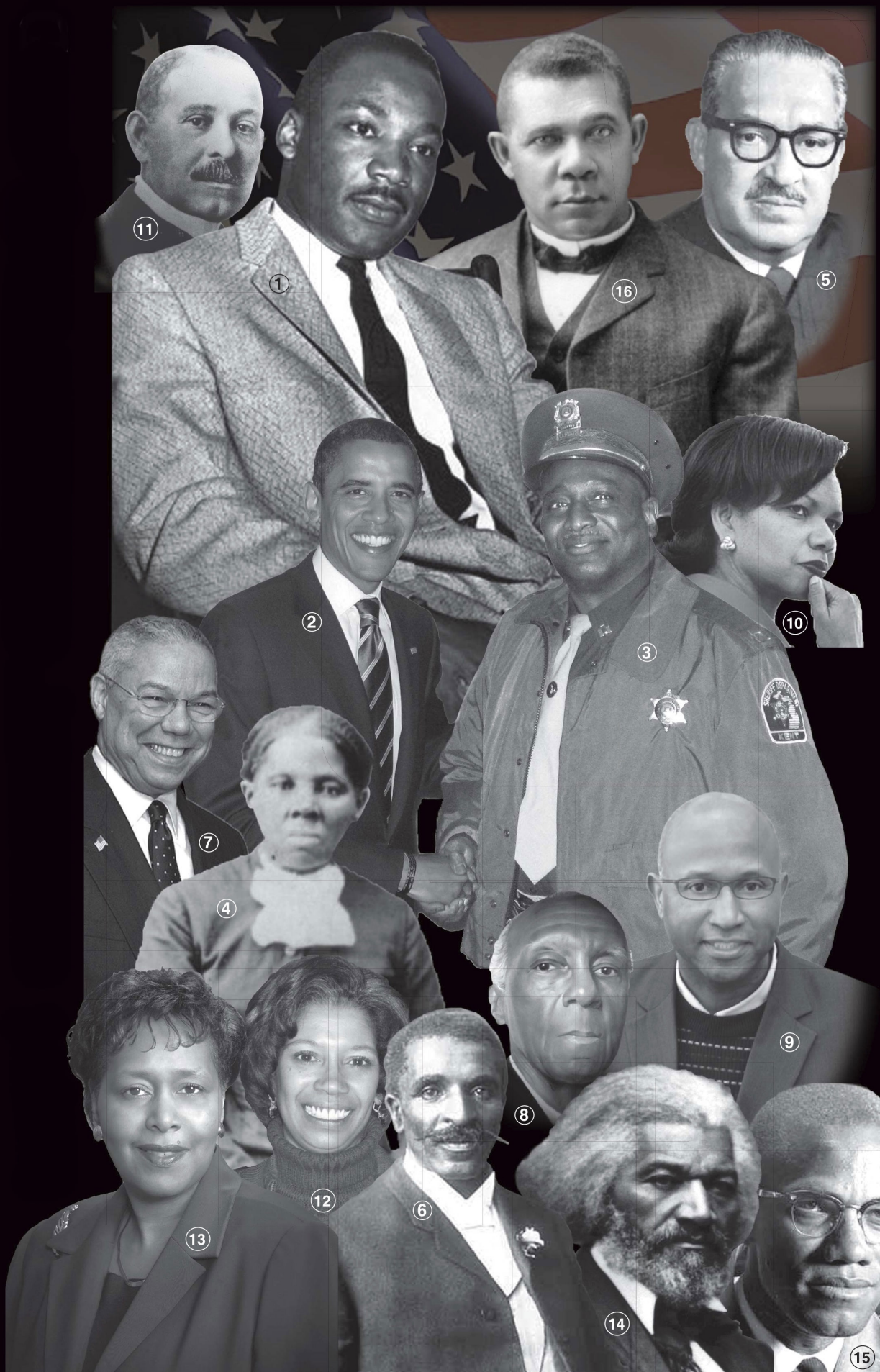
Black History Month 2012



1. **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.** - Clergyman who advocated for social change through non-violent means. Activist and prominent leader in the American civil rights movement who sought racial equality and civil rights in the United States.
2. **Barack H. Obama** - First African-American President of the United States.
3. **Darrell K. Singleton** - First African-American Kent County Sheriff's Department Captain.
4. **Harriet Tubman** - Abolitionist, humanitarian and union spy during the U.S. Civil War. Best known for missions to rescue slaves using the Underground Railroad.
5. **Thurgood Marshall** - American jurist and the first African-American to serve on the Supreme Court of the United States. Best remembered for his high success rate in arguing before the Supreme Court and for the victory in Brown v. Board of Education.
6. **George Washington Carver** - American scientist, botanist, educator and inventor whose studies and teachings revolutionized agriculture in the United States.
7. **Colin Luther Powell** - American statesman, retired four-star general in the United States Army and first African-American United States Secretary of State.
8. **Asa Philip Randolph** - Prominent twentieth-century African-American civil rights leader and the founder of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, a landmark for labor and particularly for African-American labor organizing.
9. **Wayman Britt** – First African-American Kent County Assistant Administrator.
10. **Dr. Condoleezza Rice** - First African-American woman to serve as United States Secretary of State and former National Security Advisor.
11. **Dr. Daniel Hale Williams** - African-American physician and surgical pioneer who performed the first successful open-heart surgery. Organizer of the Provident Hospital, the first black hospital in the United States.
12. **Sonya Dean** – First African-American Kent County Chief Deputy County Clerk.
13. **Linda S. Likely** – First African-American Kent County *Department* Director.
14. **Frederick Douglas** – American abolitionist, women's suffragist, editor, orator, author, statesman, reformer and first African-American nominated as a Vice Presidential candidate in the United States.
15. **Malcolm X** (born Malcolm Little) - African-American Muslim minister, public speaker, human rights activist and advocate for the rights of African-Americans.
16. **Booker (T)aliaferro Washington** - American educator, orator, author and leader in the African-American community. Former leader of the new Tuskegee Institute, then a teachers' college for blacks.