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## **PEGGY LLEWELLYN – BLACK HISTORY MONTH FACT**

**(SAN ANTONIO, Feb. 2, 2010)** - In recognition of Black History Month (Feb. 1- 28), we recognize Peggy Llewellyn, a professional motorcyclist on the NHRA circuit and the first black woman in the world to win a professional motorsports event, as a Black History Fact.

On September 23, 2007, Llewellyn, of Jamaican and Mexican descent, won her first professional racing event at the NHRA POWERade Series, O'Reilly Fall Nationals in Dallas, earning her an appearance in the inaugural Countdown to 4 and Countdown to 1, giving her a finish in the POWERade top five in standings where she recorded her post-career-best time and speed.

Llewellyn ran an elapsed time of 7.020 seconds at 190.00 mph to beat Andrew Hines in the finals, while knocking Craig Treble out of the number four position to make it into the inaugural countdown competition. She was the only female to make it into the countdown, finishing fourth for the season.

According to the U. S. Equal Employment Opportunity Archives, during the month of February, Black History Month is a federally recognized, nation-wide celebration of the many contributions of Black Americans.

In 1926, the noted African American historian, Carter G. Woodson, initiated "Negro History Week" to increase public awareness and appreciation of the significant role Black Americans played in the shaping of our country. February was chosen for the observance in honor of Abraham Lincoln's and Frederick Douglass' birthdays.

During the bicentennial celebration of our country in 1976, "Negro History Week" expanded into Black History Month.

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### **About Peggy Llewellyn**

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Professional motorcyclist Peggy Llewellyn, of Jamaican and Mexican American descent, is the first woman of color in the world to win a professional motorsports event. Winning at the NHRA POWERade Dallas 2007, she earned an appearance in the inaugural Countdown to 4 and Countdown to 1, giving her a finish in the POWERade top five in standings where she recorded her post-career-best time and speed.

The three year professional motorcyclist ran an abbreviated season in 2008 where she advanced to the semifinals in Denver, finishing the season qualifying five of six races. She sat out the 2009 season due to lack of sponsorship, Llewellyn will return to the NHRA circuit for the 2010 season in March at the Gatornationals in Gainesville, Fla.

Named 2009 Female Athlete of the Year by The Elements of a Champion Foundation for displaying extraordinary character on and off the racetrack, Llewellyn is dedicated to her community through actively being involved with Women's Sports Foundation's Go Girl Go! and independently promoting the sport of motorcycle racing, physical fitness education, and following dreams to young girls. She also serves as the celebrity spokesperson for Divas For A Cure, a unique national service-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization of Black and Latina women, who ride motorcycles across country to increase awareness and raise funds to support a cure for breast cancer throughout the year and participate in their signature fundraiser, Divas For A Cure Breast Cancer Motorcycle Run.

For more information, visit [www.peggyllewellyn.com](http://www.peggyllewellyn.com).