



Proclamation

Black History Month

WHEREAS, Black History Month celebrates the contributions that African Americans have made to American history in their struggles for freedom and equality and deepens our understanding of our Nation's history; and

WHEREAS, in 1926, Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of African American Life and History launched "Negro History Week" to bring attention and promote studying black history as a discipline and celebrate the accomplishments of African Americans; and

WHEREAS, Woodson sought to highlight the contributions and accomplishments made to the history of our country that for years had been omitted; and

WHEREAS, the African American community has endured decades of struggle to be recognized as equal among our fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, as part of the nation's bicentennial, President Gerald Ford decreed Black History Month a national observance stating, "We can seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history;" and

WHEREAS, during the month of February our Nation takes pause to reflect on the injustices and struggles fought and overcome by African Americans throughout our Nation's history and to pay tribute to the battles they have fought in the name of equality.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Gregory Mills, Mayor of the City of Brighton, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim February as Black History Month and encourage all residents to join in celebrating our country's diversity and continue the efforts to create a world that is more just, peaceful and prosperous for all.


DATED this 1st day of February 2022



ATTEST:


Natalie Hoel, City Clerk

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