

# ~P R O C L A M A T I O N~

**WHEREAS,** The Clark County Council takes pride in joining Americans throughout the country in recognizing February 2023 as Black History Month; and

**WHEREAS,** Black History Month pays tribute to the contributions that African Americans have made to American history in their struggles for freedom and equality, and deepens understanding of our shared history; and

**WHEREAS,** The theme for Black History Month in 2023, “Black Resistance” acknowledges the legacy of African Americans resisting all forms of racism, hatred and continual oppression while exploring how African Americans have resisted historic and ongoing oppression, in all forms, especially the racial terrorism of lynching, racial pogroms and police killings, since the nation's earliest days; and

**WHEREAS,** Racism has led to the denial and eradication in learning more about the American foundational systems and structures which continue to eliminate the education of learning of African American history within schools, institutions and educational, equitable environments. This involves the current negotiating to eliminate the Critical Race Theory, thus all forms of Black History in some states across the country; and

**WHEREAS,** In order to foster and provide accurate, thus thorough African American History teachings and education across all educational and institutional structures, Black people have historically embarked upon self-determination, mutual aid and social support initiatives to bring and sustain our stories of slavery and survival within the world; and

**WHEREAS,** We uplift our Black community leaders, educators, business owners, professionals and all others who promote wellbeing and knowledge throughout the many facets of the Black community as part of our whole inclusive community; and

**WHEREAS,** Inequality and injustice still linger in our cities, states, and country, and it should be the aspiration and responsibility of every citizen to advance the American ideal of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all— celebrating the outstanding accomplishments and contributions of Black Americans throughout our history; and

**WHEREAS,** We encourage all people to recognize and confront continuing issues by standing in the gap at every opportunity and eliminating barriers with fearlessness and determination to empower Black people to promote and protect their health, wellness, current endeavors and history; and

**WHEREAS,** Today, we celebrate and affirm the importance of Black Resistance to our community, throughout our county, state, and the nation.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** we, the Clark County Council hereby proclaim February 1<sup>st</sup> through February 28<sup>th</sup> 2023 as Black History Month, and encourage all residents to observe this month through appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies.

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Signed this XX day of February 2023

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