

PROCLAMATION

Proclamation Recognizing February National Black History Month (18)

WHEREAS, During Black History Month, we celebrate the many achievements and contributions made by African Americans to our economic, cultural, spiritual, and political development; and

WHEREAS, in 1915, Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson, noted Black scholar and son of former slaves, founded the Association for the Study of African American Life and History; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Woodson initiated Black History Week, February 12, 1926; and for many years, the second week of February, chosen to coincide with the birthdays of Frederick Douglas and Abraham Lincoln, was celebrated by African Americans in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, as part of the nation's bicentennial, then-President Gerald R. Ford expanded the celebration to a month and urged Americans to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every endeavor throughout our history"; and

WHEREAS, all McHenry County residents should know and pay tribute to our community's rich African-American legacy, and rededicate ourselves to nurturing a bright future for our African American citizens; and

WHEREAS, the observance of Black History Month calls our attention to the continued need to build a society that lives up to its democratic ideals.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the McHenry County Board hereby proclaims February as Black History Month to recognize the amazing and everlasting efforts and accomplishments of African Americans in McHenry County, Illinois, and the United States of America.

DATED at Woodstock, Illinois, this 21st day of February, A.D., 2023.

Michael Buehler, Chairman
McHenry County Board

ATTEST:

Joseph J. Tirio, County Clerk



McHenry County Board

County Board Room
Woodstock, IL 60098

Meeting: February 21, 2023
Department: County Administration
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Board / Committee Action Requested:

To recognize February as Black History Month in McHenry County.