



# Proclamation



**WHEREAS**, Carter G. Woodson—educator, historian, and civil rights leader—established Black History Week in 1926 to recognize the central role African Americans have played in the development of the United States, with the observance held during the second week of February to coincide with the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and President Abraham Lincoln; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1976, Black History Week was expanded to Black History Month, and President Gerald R. Ford officially recognized the observance, calling upon the nation to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history”; and

**WHEREAS**, Black History Month serves as an important opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements, leadership, and contributions of African Americans past and present, accomplished despite a long history of racism, discrimination, and systemic inequities; and

**WHEREAS**, while Black History Month is a time of celebration and the uplifting of Black voices, it is also a time for reflection on the challenges that continue to affect Black communities and a call to continued action toward equity, inclusion, and justice; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of National City recognizes the importance of honoring Black excellence, supporting Black-owned businesses, and encouraging residents to learn about and celebrate the shared history, diversity, and contributions that strengthen our community;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, **Ron Morrison, Mayor of the City of National City**, by virtue of the authority vested in me and on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim **February 2026** as

## **BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

in the City of National City, and call upon all residents to observe this month by learning about notable Black figures, reaffirming our shared ideals of equality and opportunity, and recognizing the lasting contributions and achievements of individuals of African and Caribbean heritage.

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MAYOR

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Vice-Mayor

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