



# Proclamation



**WHEREAS,** Carter G. Woodson, an NAACP leader, educator and historian, established Black History Week to recognize the central role Blacks played in the development of the nation. The first celebration occurred on February 12, 1926. The second week of February was set aside for this celebration to coincide with the birthdays of abolitionist Frederick Douglass and President Abraham Lincoln. In 1976, the week was expanded to Black History Month; and

**WHEREAS,** in 1976, President Gerald R. Ford officially recognized Black History Month. President Ford called upon the public 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 is that time for African Americans to acknowledge key figures from our past and present. It's an opportunity to spotlight and celebrate the achievements that African Americans have accomplished in this country, despite the history of racism and oppression; and

**WHEREAS,** this month is a time of celebration and the uplifting of Black voices, we are also called to reflect on the challenges Black Americans face both past and present. There is much work to be done; and

**WHEREAS,** while we encourage all citizens to support Black-owned businesses year-round, but especially this Month we celebrate black excellence through Black History Month and honor the countless Black Americans that have played a vital and positive role in our history. It's also the opportunity for people to learn and celebrate both our commonalities and diversity that make up our society! **NOW, THEREFORE,**

**BE IT RESOLVED,** I, Ron Morrison, Mayor by virtue of the authority vested in me by the City of National City, affix the official seal and do hereby on behalf of the City Council, proclaim February 21, 2023 as:

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

As the Mayor of the City of National City, I call upon all citizens of National City to take a moment to learn about noteworthy Black Figures and equality. Reaffirming the ideals and recognize the contributions and achievements of those with African and Caribbean heritage.

Ron Morrison

Proud to be Mayor of National City

