



Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners
PROCLAMATION

PROCLAMATION IN SUPPORT OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, Each February “National African American History Month” also known as “Black History Month” is observed to celebrate and honor the many achievements and contributions made by African Americans to our economic, cultural, spiritual, and political development;

WHEREAS, In 1915, Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History and through that Association, he began pressing the establishment of Negro History Week as a way to bring national attention to the accomplishments of African Americans;

WHEREAS, Dr. Woodson’s dream became a reality in 1926, he chose the second week of February for the observance because of its proximity to the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglas, two individuals whom Dr. Woodson felt had dramatically affected the lives of African Americans;

WHEREAS, In the early 1970’s the event was called Black History Week, and in 1976, the Association succeeded in expanding the observance, which then became Black History Month;

WHEREAS, The United States is a diverse nation comprised of citizens from various ethnic groups and cultures;

WHEREAS, It is important to promote a greater awareness of the history and culture of all ethnic groups across our country; and

WHEREAS, February is designated as Black History Month; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, The Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners, in recognition of the importance of the Black History Month, supports this Proclamation.

Adopted: February 21, 2023



John Taylor, Chair
Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
)SS
COUNTY OF KALAMAZOO)

I, Meredith Place, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of Kalamazoo County, Michigan (the "County") do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a proclamation adopted by the Board of Commissioners at a meeting held on February 21, 2023. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1976, as amended.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed by signature this 22nd Day of February 2023.



Meredith Place

Meredith Place
County Clerk/Register of Deeds