



## **Black History Month**

**WHEREAS**, in February 2023, in the City of Clearlake, California, the Lake County Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is officially celebrating Black History Month, which dates back to 1926, when Dr. Carter G. Woodson set aside a special period of time in February to recognize the heritage and achievements of Black Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, while the history of Black Americans is also the story of countless nameless heroes brought to our shores who endured lives of bondage and oppression, the deprivation of their civil rights, and ravages of bigotry and racism, it is a history for which most of the chapters have yet to be written as Black Americans contribute to the American promise; and

**WHEREAS**, for generations, African Americans have strengthened our Nation by urging reforms, overcoming obstacles, and breaking down barriers; and

**WHEREAS**, visionary leaders like Martin Luther King, Jr., Jimmie Jackson, John Lewis, Medgar Evers, Viola Liuzzo, Elijah Cummings, African American Military Veterans, and the NAACP have been at the forefront of protecting Voting Rights of People of Color in this country, and continue addressing voter suppression, gerrymandering, and urging the passing of the John Lewis Voters Rights Advancement Act and The Freedom to Vote Act will insure all citizens right to Vote are protected under the United States Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, The Lake County Branch of the NAACP, is dedicated to the principle of fostering civic, economic, and educational programs and social justice throughout the City of Clearlake and is dedicated to encouraging reflections on the rich history and teaching of African Americans, and bearing witness to the progress, beauty, and achievements they have made throughout our community; and

**WHEREAS**, it is fitting that we set aside this month as a special time as to acknowledge this important segment of our community; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** the City of Clearlake encourages all citizens to join in celebrating the diversity and character of our community and highlighting the importance of sharing our culture, customs and traditions with those around us.

**Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023**

**Russell Perdock, Mayor**