



## Black History Month February 2025

**WHEREAS**, the Lake County Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) will celebrate a combination of Black History Month and Martin Luther King's Birthday, as we reflect on the proud legacy of courage and dedication from visionary leaders like Martin Luther King, Jr., Roy Wilkins, Rosa Parks, and Julian Bond; local community leaders like Randle Cole, Lynette Kirkwood, Helen Owen, Kenneth Parlet, and James Wiley Black; and

**WHEREAS**, the NAACP has been at the forefront of protecting our fragile Democracy, which is under assault, voting rights of people of color in this country, and continuing to address the Americans with Disabilities Act, workplace prejudice and hostility, military veteran homeless housing, voter suppression, gerrymandering, and urging the passing of the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, and the Freedom to Vote Act, which will ensure all citizens' civil and voting rights are protected under the United States Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, the NAACP history is one of dedication and struggle to maintain equality and justice for all citizens of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the local branch, like other NAACP branches throughout the state and country, diligently works on social programs aimed toward the elimination of banning books, the rewriting of our vast contributions to this great nation, eliminating racial hatred, bigotry, and poverty; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lake County Branch of the NAACP is led by Rick Mayo, President and 1982 founder of the Lake County Branch.

**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 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025**

**Russ Cremer, Mayor**