

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Black History Month is an annual opportunity to recognize the central role of African Americans in the history of our nation; and

WHEREAS, during Black History Month, we celebrate the many achievements and contributions of African Americans to our economic, cultural, spiritual, social, and political development; and

WHEREAS, the national commemoration of black history in the United States dates back to 1926, and was initially observed the second week in February to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass; and

WHEREAS, by the late 1960s, the week had evolved into Black History Month, thanks in part to the Civil Rights movement and a growing awareness of the experiences of African Americans in our country; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. resolutely said, "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character"; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. astutely stated, "Intelligence plus Character – that is the goal of true education"; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month was officially established in 1976 by President Gerald R. Ford, who called on 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 has since been recognized by every U.S. President; and

WHEREAS, the City of Douglas honors the significant contributions and advances made by African Americans in our community, our state, our nation, and throughout the world, in such areas as education, medicine, art, culture, religion, public service, economic development, politics, and human rights; and

WHEREAS, we see the greatness of America in those who have enriched our society.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Donald C. Huish, Mayor and on behalf of the Council, do hereby proclaim February 2022 as

Black History Month

And urge all humanity to join in celebrating the contributions of African Americans.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Douglas to be affixed this 4th day of February 2022.


Donald C. Huish, Mayor

DONE at the City of Douglas on this fourth day of February in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Fifth.

Attest:


Alma Andrade, City Clerk

