

**PROCLAMATION
OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FOLSOM
PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER AS
INTERNATIONAL UNDERGROUND RAILROAD MONTH
IN THE CITY OF FOLSOM**

WHEREAS, the Underground Railroad played a crucial role in the fight against the cruel institution of slavery, offering hope and sanctuary to countless men, women, and children who yearned for liberty, and it serves as a testament to the enduring human spirit; and

WHEREAS the Underground Railroad is an international story and civil rights movement. Wherever and whenever slavery existed, there were efforts to escape; and

WHEREAS, September has been designated as International Underground Railroad Month to honor the legacy of the Underground Railroad, celebrate the resilience of those who escaped slavery, and educate our community about this essential chapter in our history; and

WHEREAS today, we recognize, renew, and reinvigorate the efforts of the many people in California and throughout the world who have dedicated their lives to keeping the memory of the Underground Railroad alive through the National Park Service's National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom and UNESCO's Sites of Memory designations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Folsom recognizes that history must be acknowledged, understood, and remembered to ensure that we continue to strive for a more just, equitable, and inclusive society where all individuals are treated with dignity and respect:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rosario Rodriguez, Mayor of the City of Folsom and on behalf of the Folsom City Council, do hereby proclaim September 2023 as International Underground Railroad Month in the City of Folsom.

PROCLAIMED this 12th day of September 2023.

ATTEST:

Rosario Rodriguez, MAYOR

Christa Freemantle, CITY CLERK

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FOLSOM
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