



CITY OF  
**FORESTPARK**

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS:** National Black Business Month was founded in 2004 in an effort to observe the important contributions, successes and exceptional achievements of Black-owned businesses throughout our nation, and;

**WHEREAS:** According to the latest data from the Census' Annual Business Survey, the Atlanta metro area is home to more than 8,660 Black-owned businesses – making up one of the highest percentage rates of any other urban area in the United States, and;

**WHEREAS:** Statistics from the Pew Research Center also show that Black or majority-black-owned firms provided income for more than 1.3 million workers in 2020, with overall annual payroll totaling an estimated \$42.2 billion, and;

**WHEREAS:** For generations, Black business owners have made meaningful strides in the economy, while still striving for equal visibility, corporate sponsorships, access to capital and other essential resources needed to grow, flourish and thrive, and;

**WHEREAS:** From healthcare and information technology to professional services and retail, Black entrepreneurs continue to help pave the way for sustainable community development, increased representation and economic success.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the City Council of Forest Park hereby recognizes the month of August as National Black Business Month and invites residents, families and visitors to learn about, support and explore local Black businesses both in Forest Park and throughout Clayton County.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** we have hereunto set our hand on this 7th day of August 2023 and have caused the Official Seal of the great City of Forest Park to be affixed hereto:

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Angelyne Butler, MPA  
Mayor

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Councilmember Kimberly James  
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