

Black History Month 2023

WHEREAS, Black History Month offers an opportunity to recognize the heritage and achievements of African Americans across the nation, including in Greeley and Weld County; and,

WHEREAS, the contributions African Americans have made and continue to make are an integral and essential part of our society and community, and reflect the resilience and innovative spirit that defines our nation; and,

WHEREAS, attention to this month offers us a reminder of the importance of reaching and reflection upon the many roles and achievements African Americans have made in advancing the strength of the nation, our state, and local community; and,

WHEREAS, the Greeley community is especially fortunate to have the Marcus Garvey Cultural Center on the campus of the University of Northern Colorado, which offers a local resource to learn and appreciate the history and achievements of African Americans; and,

WHEREAS, in recognition of Black History Month, the City Greeley urges the community to reflect upon and honor the accomplishments of African Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our country's history this month and throughout the year.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John D. Gates, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Greeley, do hereby proclaim February 2023, as Black History Month in the City of Greeley, and urge the people of Greeley, Colorado to observe Black History Month with community programs and activities that celebrate the contributions of African Americans to life in the United States.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Greeley, Colorado, this 17th day of January 2023.

John D. Gates Mayor