Proclamation

Observing Black History Month February, 2024

WHEREAS, noted historian, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, announced the second week of February as "Negro History Week" in 1926 in order to increase public awareness and appreciation of the important role that African-Americans have played in shaping America's history; and

WHEREAS, the United States government officially recognized Negro History Week in 1976 as part of the U.S. Bicentennial, expanding it to Black History Month; and

WHEREAS, the observance of Black History Month calls our attention to the continued need to build a society that lives up to its democratic ideals. This Black History Month, lets us draw inspiration and courage from those who came before us as we continue the work toward full diversity, equality, inclusion and representation.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City of Hendersonville, NC has proclaimed the month of February as Black History Month in the City of Hendersonville and we urge all citizens to celebrate the history and contributions of African Americans in our community who have been vital to the growth and development and commit to becoming an inclusive community in which all citizens-past, present and future are respected.

PROCLAIMED this 7th day of February, 2024.

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Barbara G. Volk, Mayor City of Hendersonville

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