



## **AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH**

WHEREAS, every February, Americans pay homage to the rich history and contributions of African Americans who have shaped our nation in countless ways through centuries of struggle and triumph; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month, as it was known, was first proposed by scholar Carter G. Woodson in 1926, to lift up the Black experience in a fuller telling of America's story; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme, "African Americans and Labor", focuses on the various work and profound ways of all kinds – free and unfree – intersect with the collective experiences of Americans of African descent; and

WHEREAS, African American labor has been a powerful agent of change and social uplift throughout our nation's history. Various forms of work have had pivotal roles in opening new dialogues, challenging us to examine hard truths, and inspiring us to work toward something better; and

WHEREAS, African Americans' contributions to the landscape of the United States can be found in every part of the nation as they constructed and designed some of the most iconic examples of architectural heritage in the country; and

WHEREAS, African American educators stress the importance of vocational training, self-help strategies and entrepreneurship in African American communities fighting both economic and social injustice. African Americans' work and talents have been transformational throughout the United States, Africa, and the Diaspora; and

WHEREAS, African American History Month, allows us to draw inspiration from this legacy as we continue together on the path toward equality, liberty, and opportunity for all, and that history shows that we rise and fall together.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, the City Council of the City of Kerman does hereby proclaim February 2025, as "African American History Month."

I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Kerman to be affixed on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January 2025.

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Maria Pacheco  
Mayor