

City of Kingsport

Proclamation

Whereas, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Kingsport takes pride in recognizing February 2026 as Black History Month, celebrating the many notable contributions Black Americans have made to our country; and,

Whereas, since President Gerald Ford officially recognized Black History Month in 1976, presidents have designated February as national Black History Month to honor and affirm the importance of Black history throughout our American experience; and,

Whereas, we acknowledge the 100th anniversary of Black History Month's origins with this year's theme of '*A Century of Black History Commemorations*'; and,

Whereas, we recognize Black citizens of Kingsport for their many accomplishments and positive contributions to our community and stand united with them in the finest traditions of the Kingsport Spirit; and,

Whereas, Black History Month is a time for all Americans to remember the contributions and legacy of those who helped build our nation, fought against prejudice to secure lives of dignity and opportunity for all of our citizens, advanced the cause of civil rights for all Americans, and strengthened our families and communities.

Now, therefore, I, Paul W. Montgomery, Mayor of the City of Kingsport, and on behalf of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Kingsport, do hereby proclaim February 2026 as

Black History Month

in the City of Kingsport and encourage all citizens to join me in honoring the many contributions made by Black Americans to our city, state, and nation.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Kingsport, Tennessee, to be affixed this 3rd day of February, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-six.

Paul W. Montgomery, Mayor