



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, each year, Black History Month is observed in February; and

WHEREAS, the origins of Black History Month date back to 1915 when Dr. Carter G. Woodson founded the organization known today as the Association for the Study of African American Life and History; and

WHEREAS, in 1925, Dr. Carter G. Woodson planned the inaugural week-long observance of Black history; and

WHEREAS, every year, the Association for the Study of African American Life and History sets a theme for Black History Month, and the theme for 2026 is "A Century of Black History Commemorations;" and

WHEREAS, observing Black History Month provides opportunities to gain a deeper understanding of African American history and acknowledge the centuries of struggles for equality and freedom; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month also celebrates the achievements and contributions that African Americans have made in shaping our country, society, and communities; and

WHEREAS, this year's Black History Month theme is a call to everyone to explore the impact and meaning of Black history and life commemorations in transforming the status of Black peoples in the modern world; and

WHEREAS, to participate in observing Black History Month, those interested can visit www.asalh.org to learn more about the origins of the month, this year's theme, and African American history.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Lake Forest Park do hereby proclaim February 2026 as

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

in the City of Lake Forest Park and urge all citizens to join in this special observance.

Signed this 22nd day of January 2026

Tom French, Mayor