City of Madison Heights, Michigan **Proclamation for Black History Month 2025**

Whereas, Black History Month is a time to celebrate and honor the countless contributions of Black Americans to our nation, our culture, and our community, recognizing the rich history, achievements, and enduring spirit of Black individuals who have shaped the fabric of our society; and

Whereas, the City of Madison Heights is committed to fostering an inclusive, equitable, and diverse environment for all its residents, where every voice is heard, valued, and respected; and

Whereas, we acknowledge the importance of learning from our shared history, embracing diversity, and promoting understanding across all cultural backgrounds as we work toward a more united and just community; and

Whereas, the City of Madison Heights encourages all residents to engage with local organizations and committees, such as the Human Relations and Equity Committee, to contribute to the advancement of equity, and community well-being; and

Whereas, the City of Madison Heights' boards and commission appointments, which take place in February, provide a unique opportunity for residents to get involved, make a difference, and help shape the future of our community; and

Whereas, during this Black History Month, we encourage residents to take active roles in local governance, volunteerism, and community-building initiatives, helping ensure that Madison Heights remains a place where every individual is valued and empowered.

Now, therefore, the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Madison Heights, do hereby proclaim February 2025 as Black History Month in the City and call upon all residents to reflect upon the rich history and contributions of Black Americans, to participate in local initiatives that promote diversity and inclusion, and to explore opportunities for involvement with committees, boards, and commissions that are essential to shaping the future of our city.

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