



The Office of the Mayor

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** During Black History Month, we honor and celebrate the many achievements and contributions made by African Americans to our economic, cultural, spiritual, and political development; and,
- WHEREAS,** Black History Month grew out of the establishment, in 1926, of Negro History Week by Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of African American Life and History; and,
- WHEREAS,** the 2022 national theme for the observance is "Black Health & Wellness" which considers activities, rituals and initiatives that Black communities have done to be well; and,
- WHEREAS,** the observance of Black History Month encourages our community to understand and acknowledge the lives of all of its African American citizens and live up to our democratic ideals; and,
- WHEREAS,** we are all able to live better lives and have a brighter future thanks to the contributions that have been made of African Americans in our community, state and nation.
- THEREFORE,** I, Mayor Robert E. Simison, hereby proclaim February 2022 as

Black History Month

in the City of Meridian and encourage the residents of our community, and communities across the country, to learn more about and celebrate the diverse heritage and culture of African Americans, and continue our efforts to create a world that is more just, peaceful, and prosperous for all.

Dated this 22nd day of February, 2022

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert E. Simison", is written over a horizontal line.

Robert E. Simison, Mayor



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