

Proclamation

City of Mission



WHEREAS, during National Black History Month, we celebrate the vast contributions of Blacks to our Nation's history and identity; and

WHEREAS, each year, February is designated Black History Month to remember and reflect on the tribulations faced by the Black community while learning from the vibrant culture and history and celebrating its many invaluable contributions; and

WHEREAS, shining a light on Black history today is as important to understanding ourselves and growing stronger as a Nation as it has ever been. That is why it is essential that we take time to celebrate the immeasurable contributions of Black Americans, honor the legacies and achievements of generations past, reckon with centuries of injustice, and confront those injustices that are still relevant today.

WHEREAS, the 2024 national theme for the observance is "African Americans and the Art." This theme acknowledges the legacy of digital, literary, visual and performing arts of Black trailblazers and innovators who revolutionized their fields, often transforming them by pioneering new techniques and styles of art.

WHEREAS, the City of Mission is deeply committed to equity and inclusion and as such, honors the contributions made by our Black community and wishes not only to acknowledge them but to commemorate and celebrate the contributions made by local residents; and

WHEREAS, our community is better because of their contribution, resilience, and fortitude who contributed in art, music, sports, academic, business and economics and the overall progress and wellbeing of Mission's growth and development; and

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the City Council of City of Mission proclaim the Month of February 2024 as:

"BLACK HISTORY MONTH"

and encourage all residents to honor and join in the celebration of Black American history, contributions, and culture.

PROCLAIMED on this the 12th day of February, 2024.

Norie Gonzalez Garza, Mayor

Jessica Ortega, Councilwoman

Ruben Plata, Mayor Pro Tem

Marissa Ortega-Gerlach, Councilwoman

Alberto Vela, Councilman