



PROCLAMATION BLACK HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, Black History Month was formally adopted in 1976 to honor, recognize, and affirm the importance of Black history throughout the American experience; and

WHEREAS, the history of people of African heritage spans tens of thousands of years and includes some of the most advanced, innovative, and influential societies in human history; and

WHEREAS, African Americans have played a significant and enduring role in the history of the United States, from the early days of the nation's pioneers to present-day leaders in fields such as aerospace, finance, government, education, science, and international trade; and

WHEREAS, during Black History Month, all Americans are encouraged to reflect upon the rich history, culture, and teachings of African Americans to recognize the progress, achievements, beauty, and contributions they have made to society;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Town of Pineville, North Carolina, designates the month of February 2026 as "**BLACK HISTORY MONTH**" and encourages all citizens to celebrate the collective ingenuity, creativity, cultures, traditions, and achievements of African Americans and to participate in community events honoring their lasting contributions.

SIGNED AND SEALED this 10th day of February 2026.

Mayor Amelia Stinson-Wesley