

**RESOLUTION DECLARING FEBRUARY AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH
IN THE BOROUGH OF TINTON FALLS**

WHEREAS, in 1915, Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson, noted scholar and son of former slaves, who founded the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, initiated Black History Week, February 12, 1926, which was celebrated for many years by African Americans in the United States; and

WHEREAS, President Gerald R. Ford officially recognized Black History Month in 1976, calling upon the public to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected”; and

WHEREAS, since 1976, every President has adopted the month of February as Black History Month, an annual celebration of African American achievements and roles in U.S. History; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month is a time to reflect on the burdens of racial prejudice and explore, understand, and appreciate the identities and cultures across and within the African diaspora; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Tinton Falls recognizes the injustices that African Americans have endured and commends the African American community for the continuous pursuit of overcoming those injustices and changing the course and nature of history; and

WHEREAS, we honor the prominent leaders and activists who have paved the way for equality and justice, calling our Borough’s attention to the continued need to battle racism and to build an equitable society.

THEREFORE, be it Resolved that Borough of Tinton Falls, declares February 2025 as Black History Month, and honors the contributions and sacrifices made in building pride in Black History and educating all Americans, as well as many achievements and contributions made by African Americans to our economic, cultural, spiritual, and political development; and

THEREFORE, be it further Resolved, that we join other organizations throughout the state of New Jersey and this country to use this occasion to raise awareness of the hardships African Americans have endured, celebrate the milestones that have been achieved, and continue the unrelenting pursuit of equality and justice for all.

Risa Clay, Council President

BOROUGH OF TINTON FALLS COUNCIL

Council Member	Moved	Second	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Mr. Alessi						
Ms. Buckley						
Dr. Dobrin						
Mr. Nesci						
Mrs. Clay						

CERTIFICATION

I, Michelle Hutchinson, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Tinton Falls, hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Tinton Falls Borough Council at their meeting held February 4, 2025.

WITNESS, my hand and the seal of the Borough of Tinton Falls this 4th day of February 2025.

Michelle Hutchinson
Borough Clerk