

PROCLAMATION

Observation of Black History Month in Waller County, Texas

WHEREAS, During Black History Month, we celebrate the many achievements and contributions made by African Americans to our economic, cultural, spiritual and political development; and

WHEREAS, The 2023 theme of Black History Month 2024: “African American and the Arts”. The African American art is filled with African, Caribbean, and the Black American experiences have been prominent in the arts including performing arts, literature, fashion, folklore, language, film, music, architecture, culinary and other forms of cultural expression. African American artists have used art to preserve history and community memory as empowerment.

WHEREAS, IN 1915, Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson, noted Black scholar and son of former slaves, founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, which was later renamed the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH); and

WHEREAS, Dr. Woodson initiated Black History Week, February 12, 1926; and for many years, the second week of February, chosen so as to coincide with the birthdays of Frederick Douglas and Abraham Lincoln, was celebrated by African Americans in the United States, and in 1976, as part of the nations’ bicentennial, Black History Week was expanded and became established as Black History Month; and

WHEREAS, Today, the observance of Black History Month throughout the United States stands as testament to the success of Woodson’s project and an example of how we can work together; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT WE, the County Judge and Commissioners of Waller County, Texas do hereby recognize and observe February 2024, as “Black History Month.”

Signed this 7th day of February, 2024

Carbett “Trey” J. Duhon III
County Judge

John A. Amsler, Commissioner, Pct. 1

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