

Proclamation

WHEREAS, noted historian, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, announced the second week of February as "Negro History Week" in 1926 to increase public awareness and appreciation of the important role that African Americans have played in shaping America's history; and

WHEREAS, the United States government officially recognized Negro History Week in 1976 as part of the U.S. Bicentennial, expanding it to Black History Month; and

WHEREAS, America is a melting pot of cultures and ethnicities; all part of the "Land of the Free." Black History Month fosters cultural awareness and understanding, while encouraging education about contributions made by Americans of color; and

WHEREAS, the omission of much of the history and contributions of African Americans from textbooks and other literature has impeded awareness and appreciation; and

WHEREAS, the celebrations of African Americans have been vital to the growth and development of these United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeff Rasco, by the virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Woodcreek, do hereby proclaim and observe February 2025 as

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

in the City of Woodcreek and encourage the local citizenry to participate in activities that foster awareness and appreciation of African Americans' contributions to shaping the History of America.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Woodcreek to be affixed this the 12th day of February, 2025.

Jeff Rasco, Mayor

Kari Lebkuecher, City Secretary, Witness