

PROCLAMATION

Black History Month ~ February 2022

WHEREAS, in 1926 Carter G. Woodson laid the foundation for Black History Month to dedicate an observance of the contributions, accomplishments, and achievements of Black Americans, a history that previously had all but been erased from national history and underrepresented in important policy decisions; and

WHEREAS, since 1976, February has been designated Black History Month as a time in which especially memorable events are recognized and celebrated, honoring and affirming the importance of African American history and culture as an essential element to the foundation of American history; and

WHEREAS, Black Americans for generations have courageously led the pursuit of justice and equality ~ to overcome the past injustices, yet still moving forward ~ taking on the challenges to advance reforms and break down barriers as we strive as a community to live by the principle that all people are created equal; and

WHEREAS, the City of Elk Grove recognizes Sam Starks, Executive Director of MLK365, for his dedication and contributions to the Elk Grove community and Sacramento region; and

WHEREAS, Elk Grove resident Sam Starks has tirelessly worked to honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by organizing an annual March for the Dream event and year-round programming under the MLK365 nonprofit organization; and

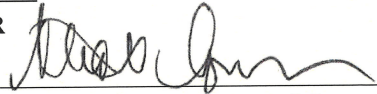
WHEREAS, MLK365 is the Sacramento region's largest and most diverse MLK event and draws thousands of participants each year.

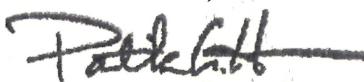
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Elk Grove hereby affirms and proclaims February 2022 as Black History Month in the City of Elk Grove and we thank Sam Starks for his commitment to the community.

SIGNED this 9th day of February, 2022.


BOBBIE SINGH-ALLEN, MAYOR


DARREN SUEN, VICE MAYOR


STEPHANIE NGUYEN, COUNCIL MEMBER


PATRICK HUME, COUNCIL MEMBER


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