

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 Sandra O. Poole for her dedication and commitment to the Elk Grove community and the Sacramento region; and
- WHEREAS. Sandra O. Poole is the City's first Black female Planning Commissioner and brings her professional and life experiences to the table; and
- WHEREAS, Sandra has held several positions with nonprofit organizations supporting diversity, equity, and inclusion programs which have helped eliminate health disparities and has encouraged support for mental health and suicide prevention in underserved communities.

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 Sandra O. Poole for her contributions to the community.

SIGNED this 9th day of February, 2022.

BOBBIE SINGH-ALLEN, MAYO

DARREN SUEN, VICE MAYOR

PATRICK HUME, COUNCIL MEMBER

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KEVIN SPEASE, COUNCIL MEMBER