

# PROCLAMATION

## *Black History Month ~ February 2021*

**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 ~ struggling to overcome the past, 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

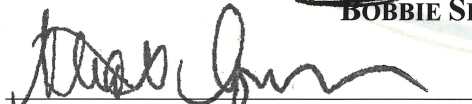
**WHEREAS**, in 2021, the City of Elk Grove embarked on a Black History Month campaign to highlight the important and life changing achievements that Black Americans have contributed to the world; and

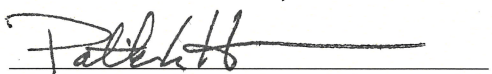
**WHEREAS**, it is also important to take the time to learn from the many lessons found in history's failures, successes, disappointments, and triumphs as we strive as a community to pursue an inclusive vision and maximize our potential to positively shape our world.


**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Elk Grove hereby affirms and proclaims February 2021 as Black History Month in the City of Elk Grove and urges the community to remain committed, not just during Black History Month, but every day of the year, to be champions working towards equality, justice, freedom, opportunity, and hope for all.


**SIGNED** this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021.

  
BOBBIE SINGH-ALLEN, MAYOR

  
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