



Proclamation

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

FEBRUARY 2023

WHEREAS, Black History Month started in 1926 when Dr. Carter G. Woodson, a distinguished African American author and founder of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, launched "Negro History Week" to celebrate and showcase the historical contributions of African Americans; and

WHEREAS, many important events have occurred in February affecting the African American community including the birth of renowned civil rights leader W.E.B DuBois in 1868, the passing of the 15th Amendment granting African Americans the right to vote in 1870, and the creation of the NAACP in 1909; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, it evolved into a month-long celebration and a national holiday when President Gerald Ford officially designated February as "Black History Month" to highlight contributions that African Americans have made in areas including science, arts, politics, and religion; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in U.S. history; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month honors the accomplished men and women who have become strong role models including Rosa Parks, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Harriet Tubman, and Frederick Douglass.

NOW, THEREFORE I, Chi Charlie Nguyen, Mayor of the City of Westminster, on behalf of Vice Mayor NamQuan Nguyen, and Council Members Amy Phan West, Carlos Manzo, and Kimberly Ho do hereby proclaim the month of February 2023 as **BLACK HISTORY MONTH** in the City of Westminster and encourage all residents to recognize the accomplishments while acknowledging the struggles of the African American community, and commit to working toward the ideals of equality, diversity, freedom, and opportunity.

Signed and Dated this 8th day of February 2023 by the City Council.

Chi Charlie Nguyen, Mayor

NamQuan Nguyen, Vice Mayor, District 4

Amy Phan West, Council Member, District 1

Carlos Manzo, Council Member, District 2

Kimberly Ho, Council Member, District 3