

SALT LAKE CITY CORPORATION

Resolution

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN SALT LAKE CITY

WHEREAS, *Black History Month is a time to celebrate the far-reaching contributions made by Black Americans throughout our country's history, that have shaped our nation and our city for the better; and*

WHEREAS, *the origin of Black History Month can be traced back to 1926 when Dr. Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, which he co-founded, declared the second week of February "Negro History Week;" and*

WHEREAS, *expounding upon the work of Dr. Carter G. Woodson, Black History Month was first proposed by Black educators, students, and the Black United Students group at Kent State University in 1969. In 1970, the first celebration of Black History Month took place at Kent State and six years later, in 1976, was recognized by President Gerald Ford urging Americans to "honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history;" and*

WHEREAS, *contributions by Black Americans have influenced all facets of society, from culture to religion, from education to business and public service, and more; and*

WHEREAS, *it is our honor to acknowledge and celebrate the heritage, perseverance, and achievements of Black Americans in our nation's history. We acknowledge their struggle as an American struggle and at its core reflects upon our society; and*

WHEREAS, *while we celebrate and recognize Black leaders, inventors, artists, musicians, and creators on a national level such as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, George Washington Carver, Jackie Robinson, Billie Holiday, and many more, we also acknowledge those locally who have contributed to the rich history of our community in Salt Lake City and Utah; and*

WHEREAS, *in Salt Lake City and Utah, we have many heroes to look up to and learn from. From trailblazers of the past like Shirley and Carl Kinsey and Bettye Gillespie, to advocates of today, such as Rev. France Davis (Civil Rights Activist and Emeritus Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, retired), Jeanetta Williams (President of the SLC and Utah NAACP), and Rep. Sandra Hollins (first Black woman elected to serve in the Utah State Legislature), as well as the luminaries of the future; and*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

that Salt Lake City recognizes the month of February as Black History Month and the importance of Black History Month as an opportunity to reflect on the complex history of the United States, while remaining hopeful and confident about the path ahead.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

that the Salt Lake City Council and Mayor of Salt Lake City remain dedicated to dismantling racial inequality while advancing equity and justice to all.

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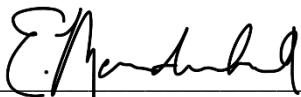
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

that Salt Lake City is committed to continuing the progress made throughout Black history, but also to ensure a positive Black future. We create history every day, and if we work together to make our today better than yesterday, our tomorrow will only be that much brighter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

the theme for Black History Month 2022 is "Black History and Wellness." We have the opportunity and responsibility, today, to not only reflect on the obstacles overcome, but to also make the present a time where Black Americans continue to excel and thrive.

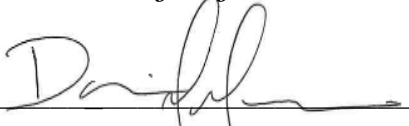
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Erin Mendenhall
Salt Lake City Mayor



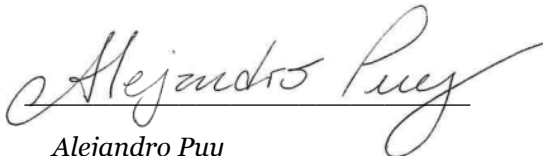
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