

## Proclamation

### February as Black History Month

WHEREAS, during the month of February, we celebrate the vast contributions of African Americans to our Nation's history and identity. Black History Month is designed to recognize and pay tribute to the contributions that African Americans made, and continue to make to our nation's economic, cultural, spiritual, and political development; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 national theme for Black History Month is "The Black Family: Representation, Identity, and Diversity." The Black family is diasporic and complex, and has long been a topic of study in history, literature, art, film, sociology, anthropology, and social policy. The family offers a rich tapestry of images for exploring the African American past and present. Throughout Black history, factors such as slavery, inequality, and poverty have put pressure on maintaining family ties, while also strengthening the bonds within micro-communities, where Black individuals have found emotional comfort. Throughout history, the Black family has been an incredible source of comfort, strength, and survival; and

WHEREAS, the legacy of slavery and segregation still persists in our nation, and the observance of Black History Month calls our attention to the continued need to battle racism and build a society that lives up to its democratic ideals; and

WHEREAS, the City of Garden Grove is proud to be an inclusive community in which all individuals are respected and recognized for their contributions and potential contributions on a local, state, national, and global level.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that February 2021 is Black History Month in Garden Grove and all residents are encouraged to celebrate diversity and work together to create a world that is more just, peaceful, and prosperous for all.

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