

## Proclamation

### February as Black History Month

WHEREAS, during the month of February, the nation celebrates 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 2023 national theme for Black History Month is "Black Resistance-A Journey to Equality." Black resistance not only encompasses rebellions, protests, and uprisings — but also the beauty, love, and pride of joyous everyday living. Black joy lives in those who dare to love themselves, their families and their communities. Black joy is the smiles and laughter of children, the courtships, love, marriage rituals, fellowships, foodways and family pride; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 theme emphasizes Through education, religious institutions, businesses, the press and organizations, Black people created ways to serve and strengthen their communities while establishing safe spaces; and

WHEREAS, the observance of Black History Month calls our attention to the continued need to battle racism, to honor diverse traditions, and to 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 2023 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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