

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 2024 national theme for Black History Month is "African Americans and the Arts." From visual and performing arts, literature, fashion, folklore, language, music and film, Black artists have used their creative outlets to preserve and share their history and instill empowerment in their communities; and

WHEREAS, whether digital, literary, visual or performing arts, Black trailblazers and innovators revolutionized their fields, often transforming them by pioneering new techniques and styles, and through art, important issues and figures in African American history are exalted and underrepresented stories are preserved; 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 2024 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.

February 13, 2024