

HONORING BLACK HISTORY MONTH FEBRUARY 2021

WHEREAS, Americans of African descent helped develop our City of Fremont's honor, strength, and distinction that can be attributed to the determined spirit of perseverance and diversity of cultures and traditions that are celebrated by our residents; and

WHEREAS, African Americans have played a significant role in the history of our nation and California's economic, cultural, spiritual, and political development while working tirelessly to promote their culture and history; and

WHEREAS, as a result of their determination, hard work, and perseverance, African Americans have made valuable and lasting contributions to our community and our state, and to all parts of the United States and throughout the world, achieving exceptional success in all aspects of society including business, education, politics, science, medicine, the arts, and more; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, Black History Month was formally adopted to honor and affirm the importance of Black History throughout our American experience, and is full of individuals who took a stance against prejudice, advanced the cause of civil rights, strengthened families, communities, and our nation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fremont understands that African Americans have endured egregious discrimination and bigotry throughout the course of our Nation's history, conflicting with the core values of the City of Fremont; and Black History Month calls on our collective need to recognize and combat racism, and to continue to build a community that embraces all ages, races, religions, and genders; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month is American History; and is a time where all citizens are encouraged to reflect on past successes and challenges of Black communities and look to the future to improve society so that we live up to the ideals of freedom, equality, and justice.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Fremont, hereby proclaims February as Black History Month in the City of Fremont, and invites everyone to recognize this month to celebrate the diversity and character of our community and highlight the importance of sharing our culture, customs and traditions with those around us.