

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

TO: City Council

FROM: Interim City Manager Alex Posada

SUBJECT: Proclamation – “National Black History Month” February 2024

Present a Proclamation recognizing February 2024 as “National Black History Month”.

BACKGROUND:

Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in U.S. history. Also known as African American History Month, the event grew out of “Negro History Week,” the brainchild of noted historian Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African Americans. Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month. Other countries around the world, including Canada and the United Kingdom, also devote a month to celebrating Black history.

DISCUSSION:

The Black History Month 2024 theme, “African Americans and the Arts,” explores the key influence African Americans have had in the fields of “Visual and performing arts, literature, fashion, folklore, language, film, music, architecture, culinary and other forms of cultural expression.

Attachment:
Proclamation