



# City of Calabasas State of California

## PROCLAMATION OBSERVING BLACK HISTORY MONTH FEBRUARY 2023

**WHEREAS**, noted historian, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, announced the second week of February as "Negro History Week" in 1926 in order to increase public awareness and appreciation of the important role that African-Americans have played in shaping America's history; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States government officially recognized Negro History Week in 1976 as part of the U.S. Bicentennial, expanding it to Black History Month; and

**WHEREAS**, America is a melting pot of cultures and ethnicities; all part of the "Land of the Free." Black History Month fosters cultural awareness and understanding, while encouraging education about contributions made by Americans of color; and

**WHEREAS**, the omission of much of the history and contributions of African-Americans from textbooks and other literature has impeded awareness and appreciation; and

**WHEREAS**, the celebration of Black History Month is a positive way of recognizing the culture and history of African-Americans as vital to the core beliefs and values of this society; and

**WHEREAS**, the contributions of African-Americans have been vital to the growth and development of the City of Calabasas.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the City Council of the City of Calabasas **DOES HEREBY PROCLAIM** February 2023 as "BLACK HISTORY MONTH" and encourage the local citizenry to participate in activities that foster awareness and appreciation of African-Americans' contributions to shaping the history of Calabasas, Los Angeles County, California and America.

  
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