



## Waynesboro City Council Agenda Briefing

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	January 27, 2020	<b>Staff/Council Member(s):</b> <b>Clerk of Council,</b> <b>Julia Bortle</b>
<b>Agenda Item #</b>	6	
<b>Proclamation #</b>		
<b>Department:</b>	City Manager's Office	
<b>Subject:</b>	Black History Month Proclamation	

**Background:** Black History Month is celebrated annually to recognize the accomplishments of African Americans and the central role of African Americans in U.S. history. Since 1976, every U.S. President has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month, calling upon the public to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of African Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.” The theme for Black History Month 2019 is “African Americans and the Vote.”

**City Manager's Recommendation:** Adopt the proclamation naming February 2020 as Black History Month in the City of Waynesboro and present the proclamation to Ms. Estello Randolph.

**Suggested Motion(s):** Move to adopt the proclamation naming February 2020 as Black History Month in Waynesboro, VA.

**Attachments:**

Proclamation

THE OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF WAYNESBORO  
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA



**PROCLAMATION** (P20-01)

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson, distinguished African American author, editor, scholar and historian, who is known as the "Father of Black History," founded the Association for the Study of African American Life and History in September 1915, and launched Negro History Month in 1926; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1976 every American president has proclaimed February as Black History Month; and

**WHEREAS**, the theme of this year's celebration is "'African Americans and the Vote", marking the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Fifteenth Amendment which gave the right of black men to vote following the Civil War; and

**WHEREAS**, 2020 also marks the centennial of the Nineteenth Amendment and the culmination of the women's suffrage movement; and,

**WHEREAS**, this year's theme recognizes the struggle for voting rights among both black men and women throughout American history.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Mayor of Waynesboro, Virginia, on behalf of the City Council, takes great pleasure in recognizing February, 2020 as

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

and urges all citizens to join in celebrating the accomplishments of African Americans during Black History Month, and encourages the people of Waynesboro to recognize the many talents, achievements, and contributions that African Americans make to their communities; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Clerk of the Council transmit a copy of this resolution to the curator of the African American History Museum, Waynesboro, VA for appropriate distribution.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Waynesboro to be affixed this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020.

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TERRY R. SHORT, JR., MAYOR  
CITY OF WAYNESBORO, VIRGINIA