



PROCLAMATION (P22-01)

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, “Black Health and Wellness”, including not only one’s physical body, but also emotional and mental health; and

WHEREAS, this year’s theme focuses on the importance of Black health and wellness, and it acknowledges the legacy of not only Black scholars and medical practitioners in Western medicine, but also birth workers, midwives, naturopaths, herbalists, etc.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Mayor of Waynesboro, Virginia, on behalf of the City Council, takes great pleasure in recognizing February, 2022 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 24th day of January, 2022.

BOBBY HENDERSON, MAYOR
CITY OF WAYNESBORO, VIRGINIA