



PROCLAMATION (P23-01)

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 Resistance”, established by the Association for the Study of African American life and History; and

WHEREAS, this year’s theme explores how African Americans have resisted historic and ongoing oppression, in all forms, especially with racism, criminal justice and economic inequality.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Mayor of Waynesboro, Virginia, on behalf of the City Council, takes great pleasure in recognizing February, 2023 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 proclamation 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 23rd day of January, 2023.

LANA WILLIAMS, MAYOR
CITY OF WAYNESBORO, VIRGINIA