

The African American Historical & Cultural Museum of the San Joaquin Valley

WHEREAS: African Americans' contributions to the success and development of the City of Fresno are profound and documented at The African American Historical and Cultural Museum of the San Joaquin Valley; and

WHEREAS: Established by Jack Albert Gilbert Frank Kelley and Rosa L. Conley in 1993, the African American Historical and Cultural Museum of the San Joaquin Valley is celebrating its 30th year as the longest non-profit educational facility of its kind; and

WHEREAS: The African American Historical and Cultural Museum has spent the past 30 years documenting the excellence of black men, women, and children who are leaders in all aspects of life including government, art, medicine, law, education and so many more industries challenging the stereotypes of what it means to be African American in the United States; and

WHEREAS: The Museum's mission to celebrate and promote the richness of African American history and culture in the Central Valley tells a story of resistance, right here at home, and a continued journey to equality, equity and inclusion; and

WHEREAS: The City of Fresno is proud to celebrate black history today, and every day, in support of black led organizations and leaders whom we thank for their countless contributions to our neighborhoods, cities and nation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that Councilmember Nelson Esparza, the Fresno City Council, and Mayor Jerry Dyer do hereby proclaim, the month of February 2023 as:

“Black History Month”

in the City of Fresno,

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands
and affixed the Seal of The City of Fresno, California, this 9th day of February 2023