



BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Black History Month celebrates the heritage, achievements, and contributions of Black people; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month started as National Negro History Week in 1926, spearheaded by the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH); and

WHEREAS, former President Gerald Ford recognized Black History Month as a nationwide celebration in 1976, calling all Americans to recognize and honor the often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in all facets of society; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 theme of Black History Month is “Black Health and Wellness,” acknowledging the feats and contributions of Black people in western and non-western medicine; and

WHEREAS, the fight and efforts to achieve an inclusive, equitable, fair, and just society are not exclusive to Black History Month or the month of February; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Erie honors its commitment to become an inclusive community in which all habitants—past, present, and future—are respected, acknowledged, celebrated, and recognized for their contributions to the Town of Erie, other municipalities, counties, the state, the nation, and beyond; and

WHEREAS, during the month of February, observance of Black History Month calls to action and reflection, dismantling racism, oppression, discrimination, and inequality against Black people.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Jennifer Carroll, of The Town of Erie do hereby proclaim the month of February to be recognized as Black History Month in the Town of Erie and urge all residents to respect and honor our diverse community and celebrate and build a culture of inclusiveness, understanding, and acceptance.

Dated this 25th day of January, 2022

Jennifer Carroll, Mayor

ATTEST:

Heidi Leatherwood, Town Clerk