



IN HONOR OF
BLACK HISTORY MONTH
FEBRUARY 2023

WHEREAS, Black History Month is observed in February of every year;

WHEREAS, the origins of Black History Month can be traced to 1915, half a century after the Thirteenth Amendment abolished slavery in the United States;

WHEREAS, the Black History Month 2023 theme focuses on the importance of Black Health and Wellness. This theme acknowledges the legacy of not only Black scholars and medical practitioners in Western medicine, but also other ways of knowing (for example, doulas, midwives, herbalists, etc.) throughout the African Diaspora. The 2023 theme considers activities, rituals, and initiatives that Black communities have engaged in to achieve wellness;

WHEREAS, the achievements of African Americans in the Arts, Civil Rights, Education, Entertainment, Government, History, Law, Literature, Medicine, Military, Music, Politics, Science, Sports, and other endeavors are recognized and celebrated in the month of February;

WHEREAS, the observance of Black History Month calls our attention to the ongoing need to build a community and society that live up to our collective democratic ideals;

WHEREAS, the City of Antioch continues to work toward becoming an inclusive community in which all residents — past, present, and future — are respected and recognized for their contributions and potential contributions to our community, the state, the country, and the world; and

WHEREAS, the City of Antioch is proud to honor the history and contributions of African Americans in our community, throughout our state, and nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAMAR A. THORPE, Mayor of the City of Antioch, hereby proclaim February 2023 to be “BLACK HISTORY MONTH.” I encourage all citizens to celebrate our diverse heritage and culture and to continue our efforts to create a world that is more just, peaceful, and prosperous for all.

FEBRUARY 14, 2023

LAMAR A. THORPE, Mayor

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