



CITY OF SEBASTOPOL PROCLAMATION

Declaring February 2021 as Black History Month in the City of Sebastopol

WHEREAS, Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in U.S. history; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month sought to level the imbalance in historical perspective and has become an important part of multicultural and anti-racism programs; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, it became a national holiday when President Gerald Ford recognized “the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history” in a speech to mark the United States Bicentennial and since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month; and

WHEREAS, The theme for Black History Month 2021 is The Black Family: Representation, Identity and Diversity and is set every year by the Association for the Study of African American Life and History®, an organization founded in 1915 by Dr. Carter G. Woodson; and

WHEREAS, African Americans have contributed significantly in all walks of American life and yet have not received recognition for many of their contributions; and

WHEREAS, February is a dedicated time for everyone to reflect on both the history and teachings of African Americans, and to focus on the progress, richness and diversity of African American achievements; and

WHEREAS, this month not only highlights the challenges Black people still face today but also the need that we as a community find solutions to end racism.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Sebastopol declares February 2021 as Black History Month in the City of Sebastopol. We encourage all citizens to reflect on the on the cultural, scientific, political, and economic contributions of Black people to not only this community but to the world;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City continues our commitment to diversity, social and ethnic justice in our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the Great Seal of the City of Sebastopol this 2nd Day of February 2021.

Una Glass, Mayor, City of Sebastopol