



Proclamation

Black History Month

February 2023 Theme: “Black Resistance”

WHEREAS, during Black History Month, we celebrate the many achievements and contributions made by African Americans to our economic, cultural, spiritual and political development; and

WHEREAS, in 1915, Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson, noted Black scholar and son of former slaves, founded the Association for the Study of African American Life and History; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Woodson initiated Black History Week, February 12, 1926; and for many years, the second week of February, chosen to coincide with the birthdays of Frederick Douglas and Abraham Lincoln, was celebrated by African Americans in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, as part of the nation’s bicentennial, Black History Week was expanded and became established as Black History Month and is now celebrated all over North America; and

WHEREAS, after the Civil War, many black Americans sought a better life, free from oppression and in search of new economic opportunities, and the liberty to create their own lives; and

WHEREAS, many African American settlers found their way to the Equality State, where they homesteaded or worked in industries like the Transcontinental Rail Road; these Americans played an important role in settling the State of Wyoming, as well as the rest of the country; and

WHEREAS, the observance of Black History Month calls our Nation’s attention to the continued need to battle racism and to build a society that lives up to its democratic ideals, as African Americans have resisted historic and ongoing oppression, in all forms.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, I, Mayor Juan F. Rodriguez, do hereby proclaim February 2023 as Black History Month in the City of Tolleson, urging all our citizens to celebrate our diverse heritage and culture and continue our efforts to create a world that is more just, peaceful and prosperous for all.

Given under my hand in these free United States in the City of Tolleson, on this fourteenth day of February, two thousand twenty-three, and to which I have caused the Seal of the City of Tolleson to be affixed and have made this proclamation public.



Juan F. Rodriguez

Juan F. Rodriguez, Mayor

ATTEST: *Crystal Zamora*

Crystal Zamora, City Clerk