

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - 18

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS

WHEREAS, Black History Month is observed nationally in February of each year; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month seeks to emphasize Black history and its cultural contributions to American life, and is designed to recognize and pay tribute to the many contributions of African Americans to the history, society and culture of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month celebrates the achievements of African Americans in the arts, civil rights movement, education, entertainment, government, history, law, literature, medicine, military, music, politics, science, sports, and other endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month allows us an opportunity to recognize the heroes of African American history including Barack Obama, the first African-American president of the United States; Maya Angelou, a phenomenal civil rights activist, poet, and performer; Carol Moseley Braun, who became the first African American woman to serve as a U.S. senator, and General Daniel "Chappie" James Jr., of the Air Force, the first African American to become a four-star general; and

WHEREAS, special recognition is given to our local historic African Americans including Retired Army Chief Warrant Officer Floyd W. Pettie Jr., the first African American to serve on the Colorado Springs City Council, Fannie Mae Duncan, who in the 1960s opened the famous and integrated dance club, The Cotton Club, with the slogan "Everybody Welcome", and Reverend Dr. Milton E. Proby, who was one of Colorado Springs greatest civil rights leaders, founder of the St. John's Food Bank, and a founding member of the Colorado Civil Rights Commission and the Colorado Springs Human Relations Commission.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS:**

Section 1. The City Council recognizes and honors Black history and its cultural contributions to America; and also honors African Americans for their strength, endurance, courage, and constant perseverance to rise above these challenges; and

Section 2. The City Council commemorates the difficulties and challenges African Americans have faced throughout the history of the United States and continue to face today; and

Section 3. The City Council on behalf of the City of Colorado Springs does hereby acknowledge and celebrate the contributions to the City of Colorado Springs, State of Colorado, and the United States of America made by African Americans.

DATED at Colorado Springs, Colorado, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

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Council President

ATTEST:

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Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk