

City of Colorado Springs, Colorado

Proclamation

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

February 2021

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, African American history is a very significant part of American history and should be studied throughout the year and since 1976, February has been designated as a month in which especially memorable events should be recognized and celebrated; and

WHEREAS, Colorado Springs can count among its past and present citizens many African American leaders, educators, and social justice pioneers with state, national and international historical prominence, including Horace Shelby, George L. Hackley, Aaron Bailey, Reverend James B. Gregg, John F. Cooper, Shirley Graham DuBois, Roosevelt Collins, Gretta M'Rae, Leon Young, and others; and

WHEREAS, the City of Colorado Springs continues to work toward becoming an inclusive community in which all citizens, past, present, and future, are respected and recognized for their contributions and potential contributions to our community, state, and country.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard Skorman, President of the Colorado Springs City Council, do hereby proclaim February, 2021 as

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in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and urge all citizens to commit to working toward the ideals of equality, freedom and opportunity that our country represents.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Colorado Springs to be affixed this ninth day of February, 2021.



Richard Skorman, President
Colorado Springs City Council