

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 23

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 2023 AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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, Shirley Graham DuBois, Roosevelt Collins, Gretta M'Rae, Mayor Leon Young, Senator Ed Jones, Senator Tony Exum, 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, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS:

Section 1. The City Council recognizes February 2022 as Black History Month and urges all citizens to commit to working toward the ideals of equality, freedom and opportunity that our country represents.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado this 24th day of January, 2023.

Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk