

City of Colorado Springs, Colorado

Proclamation

Black History Month

February 2026

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the enduring significance of Black History Month as an annual celebration honoring the achievements, resilience, and contributions of African Americans whose influence has profoundly shaped the social, cultural, economic, spiritual, and political fabric of our nation; and

WHEREAS, the study and appreciation of African American history are essential to understanding the broader narrative of American history, as these experiences reflect the progress and shared values that have strengthened the character of our society; and

WHEREAS, since 1976, the month of February has been formally designated to recognize and celebrate Black history nationwide, building on decades of work that sought to illuminate the stories, innovations, and leadership of African Americans who have contributed immeasurably to the advancement of our country; and

WHEREAS, the year 2026 marks one hundred years of national observance of Black history, commemorating a century of education, and awareness dedicated to the preservation and promotion of African American heritage and its vital place in the American story; and

WHEREAS, throughout its history, the City of Colorado Springs has benefited from and been enriched by the leadership, creativity, and community spirit of African Americans who have helped shape its growth and development, contributing to the success and vitality of our community; and

WHEREAS, the City Council affirms the importance of recognizing the diverse heritage and shared history that unite all people and continue to strengthen our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lynette Crow-Iverson, President of the Colorado Springs City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of February as

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in the City of Colorado Springs and encourages all residents, institutions, and organizations to join in honoring the legacies, contributions, and enduring impact of African Americans in our community and across the nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Colorado Springs to be affixed the month of February 2026.

Lynette Crow-Iverson, President
Colorado Springs City Council