

# Proclamation

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

**FEBRUARY 2025**

- WHEREAS,** the City of Colorado Springs recognizes the importance of Black History Month as an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans to our economic, scientific, 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
- WHEREAS,** since 1976, February has been designated as a month to honor the accomplishments of African Americans; and
- WHEREAS,** the 2025 Black History Month theme, “African Americans and Labor,” is a powerful reflection on the pivotal role that the hard work of African Americans has played in shaping our country's history; and
- WHEREAS,** Colorado Springs can count among its past and present citizens many African American leaders with state, national and international historical prominence, including Horace Shelby, George L. Hackley, Shirley Graham DuBois, Roosevelt Collins, Gretchen McRae, Mayor Leon Young, Senator Ed Jones, Iva Bowers, Mama Susie Perkins, Fannie Mae Duncan, Frank Macon, Dolphous Stroud, Suzanne Rogers, Joyce Gilmer, Reverend Dr. Milton Proby, Sam “Uncle Bud” Dunlap, June Waller, Senator Tony Exum, and others; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Colorado Springs is committed to celebrating the diversity and cultural heritage that enriches our city, ensuring that the contributions of all individuals are recognized and valued and foster a community where every person is empowered to thrive, regardless of race or background.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** The Mayor and City Council of Colorado Springs, do hereby proclaim February 2025, as

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in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** we have hereunto set our hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Colorado Springs to be affixed this twenty-eighth day of January 2025.

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Blessing “Yemi” Mobolade, Mayor  
City of Colorado Springs

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Randy Helms, President