

# CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

## PROCLAMATION

CELEBRATING FEBRUARY 2023 AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN THE CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

The City of Hyattsville proclaims February 2023 to be Black History Month, a time for all to celebrate the achievements and lived experiences of African Americans who have shaped our nation's history.

**WHEREAS**, Black History Month serves as both a celebration and a powerful reminder that Black history is American history, Black culture is American culture, and Black stories are essential to the ongoing story of America; and

**WHEREAS**, National Black History Month recognizes the sacrifices and contributions of African Americans throughout our nation's history amid systemic suppression of opportunity; and that Black Americans have fought and continue to fight to earn legal rights and allowances afforded to a majority of citizens by birthright; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States is home to innumerable extraordinary Black Americans who have been integral in its progression and who have helped lead the nation, society, and communities through philanthropy, science, policy, law, arts and humanities, and education; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hyattsville and Prince Georges County, Maryland have had a rich history of African American civic engagement; this proclamation is one pathway to honoring the legacies and achievements of generations past, reckoning with centuries of injustice, and confronting those injustices that still linger today.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Hyattsville recognizes February 2023 as Black History Month; honoring the ways African Americans have enriched the Nation and strengthening our commitment to working towards eliminating racial disparities and creating a better future and a sense of belonging for all community members.

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**Robert Croslin**

*Mayor, City of Hyattsville*

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