

CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

PROCLAMATION

CELEBRATING AUGUST 2023 AS NATIONAL BLACK BUSINESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

This proclamation declares the month of August 2023 to be National Black Business Month in the City of Hyattsville and recognizes that this month provides an opportunity for all Americans to acknowledge and appreciate the immense contributions of Black-owned businesses to our nation's economy, culture, and society.

WHEREAS, National Black Business Month was founded in 2004 to recognize the vital contributions of Black-owned businesses throughout our country and to encourage their continued development and success; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hyattsville is home to a number of Black-owned businesses and it is notable that within the state of Maryland 19.3 percent of all businesses are black owned – the second highest percentage among the nation's 50 states; and

WHEREAS, promoting and supporting Black-owned businesses is a critical step in addressing the racial wealth gap that persists in our country, rooted in centuries of slavery, segregation, and other institutionalized forms of social and economic oppression; and

WHEREAS, Black-owned businesses provide family-supporting jobs and careers to people, which are essential for local communities and economies to flourish; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the contemporary challenges faced by African-Americans in accessing capital, resources, and opportunities for business development, we celebrate the achievements of Black business owners who have overcome these obstacles and succeeded through perseverance, ingenuity and with the support of systems-level economic programs intended to repair historical harm; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council and Mayor acknowledge the role Black-owned businesses continue to play in strengthening our community and nation by celebrating August of 2023 as Black Business Month in the City of Hyattsville.

Robert Croslin
Mayor, City of Hyattsville

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