

CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

PROCLAMATION

CELEBRATING FEBRUARY 2024 AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN THE CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

The City of Hyattsville proclaims February 2024 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, Each year, National Black History Month recognizes the contributions of Black Americans throughout our nation's history and amidst systemic suppression of opportunity; the 2024 theme is "African Americans and the Arts", bringing light to the many impacts Black Americans have had on American visual arts, music, and cultural movements; 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, not only through the arts, but through philanthropy, science, policy, law, business, and education; and

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, the City of Hyattsville and Prince George's 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 2024 as Black History Month; honoring the ways African Americans have enriched the Nation and the City of Hyattsville.

Robert Croslin
Mayor, City of Hyattsville

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