



**WHEREAS**, in September 1915, Harvard-trained historian Carter G. Woodson and minister Jesse E. Moorland founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH), an organization dedicated to researching and promoting achievements by Black Americans and other peoples of African descent; and

**WHEREAS**, known today as the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), the group sponsored a national Negro History week in 1926, choosing the second week of February to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass; and

**WHEREAS**, the event inspired schools and communities nationwide to organize local celebrations, establish history clubs and host performances and lectures; and

**WHEREAS**, by the late 1960s, as the civil rights movement helped influence greater awareness of Black identity, Negro History Week had evolved into Black History Month across the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, and other countries; and

**WHEREAS**, President Gerald Ford officially recognized Black History Month in 1976, calling upon the public to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history,” and every American president since has designated February as Black History Month and endorsed a specific theme; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2021 theme, “Black Family: Representation, Identity and Diversity” explores the African diaspora, and the spread of Black families across the United States.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE FULLER, BY THE POWER VESTED IN ME AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM FEBRUARY 2021 AS**

## **BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

**IN THIS CITY, WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL THIS 2ND DAY OF FEBRUART, 2021.**

ATTEST:

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GEORGE C. FULLER, Mayor

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EMPRESS DRANE, City Secretary