



City of McKinney Proclamation

WHEREAS, Black History Month is observed annually across the United States to recognize the accomplishments of African-Americans throughout history and contributions that have helped shape the foundations of America; and

WHEREAS, in 1926, Dr. Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), sponsored a weeklong celebration to pay tribute to the generations who struggled through adversity to achieve full citizenship in our society; and

WHEREAS, influenced by the civil rights movement and growing interest in educating all Americans about the societal legacy of African Americans, President Gerald Ford officially recognized the month of February as Black History Month in 1976; and

WHEREAS, the City of McKinney will honor African-American history and achievement in Texas through celebratory and educational programs sponsored by Flourish Community-Based Initiatives and McKinney Public Libraries; a panel discussion of the book, "Where Do We Go from Here: Chaos or Community?" by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, the City of McKinney will launch a new online resource, Black History of McKinney, an interactive Story Map that highlights the entire history of McKinney from its beginnings until modern times, featuring historic sites, neighborhoods, and individuals who played a significant role in the history of McKinney's Black community; and

WHEREAS, the City of McKinney continues to work towards building a community that champions the diverse and rich past, present, and future, and is proud to support all efforts to honoring African-Americans in McKinney and throughout our nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE FULLER, BY THE POWER VESTED IN ME AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2020 AS

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

IN MCKINNEY, TEXAS, WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL THIS 4th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2020.

GEORGE C. FULLER, Mayor

ATTEST:

EMPRESS DRANE, City Secretary

