

**WHEREAS**, during Black History Month, we celebrate the many achievements and contributions made by African Americans to our economic, cultural, spiritual, and political development; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month grew out of the establishment, in 1926, of Negro History Week by Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of African American Life and History; and

WHEREAS, the Black History Month 2024 theme "African Americans and the Arts" spanning the many impacts Black Americans have had on visual arts, music, cultural movements, and more; and

WHEREAS, the observance of Black History Month calls our attention to the continued need to battle racism and build a society that lives up to its democratic ideals; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tulare continues to work toward becoming an inclusive community in which all citizens are respected and recognized for their contributions and potential contributions to our community, the state, the country, and the world; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Tulare is proud to honor the history and contributions of African Americans in our community, throughout our state, and nation.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** we, the City Council of the City of Tulare, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2024 as

## **Black History Month**

in the City of Tulare and encourage all citizens to celebrate our diverse heritage and culture and continue our efforts to create a world that is more just, peaceful, and prosperous for all.

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024.

Terry A. Sayre, Mayor

Patrick Isherwood, Vice Mayor

Jose Sigala, Councilmember

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