

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, in 1915, Dr. Carter G. Woodson of Virginia founded the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History (ASALH), the organization which originated the annual observance of Negro History Week. This observance has continued and is now celebrated throughout the month of February as National Black History Month; and

WHEREAS, ASALH's theme for Black History Month 2019 is Black Migrations; and in 2019 the State of Virginia commemorates 400 years of African American history; and

WHEREAS, an exhibition of posters honoring the work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with the theme of Stand Up and Fight! is on view in the Vola Lawson Lobby of City Hall through the end of February; and

WHEREAS, The Alexandria Black History Museum hosts the exhibition; The Underground Railroad highlighting a ten-year journey by photographer Jeanine Michna-Bales to document these important and forgotten sites; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Black History Museum continues to document, preserve and disseminate African American history through exhibitions and programs which include performances, film screenings, and lectures.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JUSTIN M. WILSON, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council and the citizens of Alexandria, do proclaim the month of February 2019, as:

“BLACK HISTORY MONTH”

In Alexandria, Virginia

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 1st day of February, 2019.

MAYOR JUSTIN M. WILSON

*On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia*

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk