

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 2021 is The Black Family: Representation, Identity and Diversity; and

WHEREAS, during Black History Month the Alexandria Black History Museum (ABHM) with the Office of Historic Alexandria and the Alexandria Library draw on the richness of their resources and collections to collaborate with and cooperate with various city agencies in highlighting and interpreting the rich history and achievements of African Americans in Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, The Office of Historic Alexandria and the Alexandria Library are dedicated to supporting the City's Alexandria Community Remembrance Project and ALL Alexandria Equity Initiative, which includes a commitment to educate the public about Alexandria's lynching history and to promote racial equity throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, ABHM collaborated with the Alexandria City Public School system on an exhibition of posters in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with the theme of Creating a Hopeful World, which is on view online; and

WHEREAS, ABHM and the Alexandria Library continue to document, preserve and disseminate African American history through exhibitions and programs, which include performances, film screenings, storytelling, 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 2021, 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 9th day of February, 2021.

MAYOR JUSTIN M. WILSON

On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk