

Proclamation

Whereas, Black History Month is observed in February of each year; and

Whereas, the honoring of Black History in America dates back to 1926 and is now recognized and remembered with month-long celebrations; and

Whereas, Black History Month seeks to emphasize Black history and its cultural contributions to American life, and is designed to recognize and pay tribute to the many contributions of Black Americans to the history, society, and culture of the United States of America; and

Whereas, Black History Month celebrates the achievements of Black Americans in Arts, Civil Rights, Education, Entertainment, Government, History, Law, Literature, Medicine, Military, Music, Politics, Science, Sports, and other endeavors; and

Whereas, the City of Belleville continues to work toward becoming an inclusive community in which all citizens past, present, and future are respected and recognized for their contributions to our community, the state, the country, and the world.

NOW THEREFORE I, Patty Gregory, Mayor of the City of Belleville, IL, do hereby proclaim February 2024 as **Black History Month in the City of Belleville and encourage all residents to celebrate our diversity and continue our efforts to create a world that is more just, peaceful, and prosperous for all.**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the corporate seal of the City of Belleville to be affixed this 5th day of February, in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-four.

Pride in the Past . . . Promise for the Future

Patty Gregory

Patty Gregory, Mayor

Dated this 5th day of February, 2024

