

Proclamation

Whereas, the month of February is nationally recognized each year as Black History Month; and

Whereas, the commemoration of Black History began in 1926 and has since grown into a month-long observance honoring this vital part of our shared American story; and

Whereas, Black History Month highlights the rich heritage, cultural influence, and countless contributions that Black Americans have made to the history, society, and progress of the United States; and

Whereas, this observance celebrates the achievements of Black Americans in the fields of Arts, Civil Rights, Education, Entertainment, Government, History, Law, Literature, Medicine, the Military, Music, Politics, Science, Sports, and many other areas of accomplishment; and

Whereas, the City of Belleville remains committed to fostering an inclusive community—one that recognizes, respects, and values the contributions of all individuals, past, present, and future, to our city, our state, our nation, and our world.

NOW THEREFORE I, Jenny Gain Meyer, Mayor of the City of Belleville, IL, do hereby proclaim February 2026 as **Black History Month in the City of Belleville and encourage all residents to honor our diversity and continue working together to build a community that is more just, peaceful, and prosperous for everyone.**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the corporate seal of the City of Belleville to be affixed this 2nd day of February, in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-six.



Jenny Gain Meyer, Mayor
Dated this 2nd day of February, 2026

