

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF

DES PLAINES, ILLINOIS

WHEREAS, *in February each year, we celebrate Black History Month, a time designated to honor contributions that African Americans have made in shaping our country, society, and community; and*

WHEREAS, *we recognize the significant achievements of Black Americans and their pivotal role in the fields of government, education, medicine, literature, music, culture, athletics, entertainment; and*

WHEREAS, *observing Black History Month provides opportunities to gain a deeper understanding of African American history and acknowledge the centuries of struggles for equality and freedom; and*

WHEREAS, *Black History Month also reminds us that we must continue to promote the qualities of diversity and racial equality and address manifestations of systemic racism to move toward a more inclusive and just society; and*

WHEREAS, *the City of Des Plaines embraces the advancement of racial justice and equality, as we are committed to inclusivity; and*

WHEREAS, *I encourage our Des Plaines community to celebrate our diverse heritage and culture, and continue our efforts to create a more peaceful world that allows equitable opportunities and outcomes for all and strives to build a better future.*

Now, therefore, I, ANDREW GOCZKOWSKI, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DES PLAINES, do hereby proclaim February as

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Dated this 6th day of February 2023.



Andrew Goczkowski, Mayor