

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

**CITY OF**

**DES PLAINES, ILLINOIS**

**WHEREAS,** *in February each year, we celebrate Black History Month, a time designated to honor the many achievements and contributions made by African Americans to our economic, cultural, and social development; and*

**WHEREAS,** *we recognize those who helped build our nation, who took a stance against prejudice to build lives of dignity and opportunity, and strengthened families and communities; and*


**WHEREAS,** *Black History Month echoes the call for equality to future generations and is essential to the formation of a more perfect union; and*

**WHEREAS,** *the City of Des Plaines embraces the advancement of racial justice and equality as we 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024.*

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*Andrew Goczowski, Mayor*