

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the month of February is internationally observed as Black History Month, also referred to as African-American History Month in the United States and Canada, an effort that has the purpose of focusing attention upon a long-neglected and overlooked, but important and consequential, segment of the historical record of the United States and more broadly, the African diaspora; and;

WHEREAS, this celebration of the role and the contributions of African American and Black citizens of this parish, state and country throughout its history is a fitting and beneficial process that serves to enlighten all citizens, and to strengthen the fibers of the national fabric;

WHEREAS, the observance of Black History Month calls our attention to the continued need to battle racism and build a society that lives up to its democratic ideals as well as to celebrate the many achievements and contributions made by African Americans to our economic, cultural, spiritual, and political development; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month grew out of the 1926 establishment of Negro History Week by Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, and has blossomed into today's month-long observance, the 2026 theme of which is "A Century of Black History Commemorations," which honors the first 100 years of studying, preserving, and celebrating Black history, culture, and contributions.; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT, by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal and regular session this 5th day of February, 2026 that it does hereby proclaim February 2026 as:

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and urges all citizens to join with the Parish in recognition of this important month.

ATTEST:

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Commission Clerk

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