

***Whereas,** each February, Americans observe Black History Month, which was founded by Carter G. Woodson, the son of former slaves, and the “Father of Black History,” to celebrate the achievements of African Americans and recognize the central role they had in shaping U.S. history; and*

***Whereas,** Delaware County is proud to have numerous members of the community and organizations who work to educate, celebrate and promote African American history and culture through education and the arts; and*

***Whereas,** we celebrate the leaders of the civil rights movement and countless other men and women, across the nation and here in Delaware County, who struggled and sacrificed to guarantee freedom and rights for the children and grandchildren of the future; and*

***Whereas,** the contributions of African Americans and their endeavors to learn and thrive throughout history and make unforgettable marks in our Nation as artists, scientists, educators, business people, influential thinkers, members of the faith community, athletes, and political and governmental leaders, reflects the greatness of the United States.*

***Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved,** that We, the County Council of Delaware County, hereby declare February 2021 to be*

## ***Black History Month***

*in Delaware County as we explore and celebrate the civil rights progress as we continue our march toward the day when every person knows the unalienable rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.*

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