CITY OF LATHRUP VILLAGE, MICHIGAN

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

RESOLUTION

Whereas, Since 1976, February has been recognized as BLACK HISTORY MONTH throughout North America; and,

Whereas, during this time we honor African-Americans for their contributions to history, and promote the study of African-Americans, traditions and music, encouraging all citizens to engage in various planned activities designed to educate and enlighten us on the significance of Black History; and,

Whereas, as we appreciate BLACK HISTORY MONTH, let us first look to Carter G. Woodson, founder of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History in 1915, and because of his efforts, we first celebrated Negro History Week in 1926, which later became known as BLACK HISTORY WEEK; and,

Whereas, this observance traditionally occurred February 11-17th, in conjunction with the birthdays of Frederick Douglas and Abraham Lincoln but the members of the Association for the Study of African-American Life and History and guardians of the Woodson legacy expanded that observance beginning in 1976, to a full month:

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that Mayor Garrett and members of the Lathrup Village City Council encourage all residents to observe February as BLACK HISTORY MONTH, especially by participating in one of the many planned activities that several local, cultural and historical organizations, and educational institutions are conducting throughout this entire month.

Mykal Garrett, Mayor
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