



proclamation

WHEREAS, much of Hanover Park's honor, strength and stature can be attributed to the diversity of cultures and traditions that are celebrated by the residents of this great village; and

WHEREAS, African Americans have played significant roles in the history of this nation's economic, cultural, spiritual and political development while working tirelessly to maintain and promote their culture and history; and

WHEREAS, as a result of their determination, hard work, intelligence and perseverance, African Americans have made valuable and lasting contributions to our community, achieving exceptional success in all aspects of society including business, education, politics, science, and the arts; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, Black History Month was formally adopted to honor and affirm the importance of Black (African American) History throughout our American experience, which goes back thousands of years and includes some of the greatest, most advanced and innovative societies in our history that we can all draw inspiration from; and

WHEREAS, Black (African American) History Month is a time for all Americans to remember the stories and teachings of those who helped build our nation, took a stance against prejudice to build lives of dignity and opportunity, advanced the cause of civil rights, and strengthened families and communities; and

WHEREAS, during Black (African American) History Month all Americans are encouraged to reflect on past successes and challenges of African Americans and look to the future to continue to improve society so that we live up to the ideals of freedom, equality and justice;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Rodney S. Craig, Mayor of the Village of Hanover Park, Illinois, do hereby proclaim **February 2023** to be **BLACK HISTORY MONTH** in the Village of Hanover Park, Illinois and encourage all residents to join us in honoring the many contributions made by African Americans, by attending the Black History Month presentation hosted by the Sister Cities Committee on Saturday, February 25, 2023, at 12:00 noon in Room 214 at the Hanover Park Municipal Complex.

Dated this 24th Day of February, 2023.

Rodney S. Craig
Mayor of the Village of Hanover Park