

PROCLAMATION

Celebrating National Black History Month

Town of Great Barrington, Massachusetts

Whereas, Black History Month is observed annually across the United States in February to celebrate African-American achievements, to recognize the crucial role they have played in U.S. history, and to honor the generations of black Americans who struggled through adversity to achieve full citizenship in our society; and

Whereas, Black History Month grew out of the establishment, in 1926, of Negro History Week by Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of African American Life and History; and

Whereas, the 2022 national theme for the observance is “Black Health and Wellness”, takes a look at how American healthcare has often underserved the African-American community; and

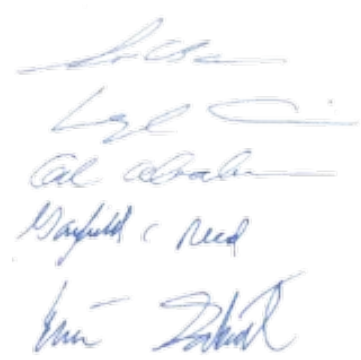
Whereas, the observance of Black History Month calls our attention to the continued need to battle racism and build a society that lives up to its democratic ideals; and

Whereas, the Town of Great Barrington continues to work toward becoming an inclusive community in which all citizens -past, present, and future- are respected and recognized for their contributions and potential contributions to our community, the state, the country, and the world; and

Whereas, the Town of Great Barrington is proud to honor the history and contributions of African Americans in our community, throughout our state, and nation.

Now, therefore be it resolved that the Selectboard of the Town of Great Barrington, do hereby encourage the citizens of Berkshire County to join us in celebrating National Black History Month.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, We have hereunto set on this 14th day of February, 2022



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