

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 2025 AS BLACK HISTORY
MONTH IN SALT LAKE CITY**

WHEREAS, *Black History Month is a time to celebrate the far-reaching contributions made by Black Americans throughout our country's history, that have shaped our nation and our city for the better; and*

WHEREAS, *in 1926, Dr. Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, which he co-founded, planted the seeds of Black History Month when they declared the second week of February "Negro History Week;" and*

WHEREAS, *building upon the work of Dr. Carter G. Woodson, Black educators, students, and the Black United Students group at Kent State University first proposed Black History Month in 1969. In 1970, they organized the first celebration of Black History Month; and*

WHEREAS, *in 1976, President Gerald Ford recognized Black History Month as a time for Americans to "honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history;" and*

WHEREAS, *contributions by Black Americans have influenced all facets of society. From culture to religion, from education to business and public service, our nation has been shaped by their efforts; and*

WHEREAS, *recognizing Black History Month must not change based on political or social trends; and*

WHEREAS, *we are honored to recognize and celebrate the heritage, perseverance, and achievements of Black Americans in our nation's history. Their struggle is an American struggle, and we recognize that at its core, this struggle reflects upon our society; and*

WHEREAS, *in Salt Lake City and Utah, we have many heroes to admire and learn from. From the trailblazers of the past to the leaders of the present, and even the luminaries of the future.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

that Salt Lake City recognizes the month of February as Black History Month and the importance of Black History Month as an opportunity to reflect on the complex history of the United States while approaching the future with confidence and optimism.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

that the Salt Lake City Council and Mayor of Salt Lake City remain unwavering in our commitment to dismantling racial inequality while advancing equity and justice for all.

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that Salt Lake City is committed to expanding upon the progress made throughout Black history to ensure a positive Black future. History is in the making, and if we work together to make our today better than yesterday, our tomorrow will be that much brighter.

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the theme for Black History Month 2025 is “African Americans and Labor.” We have the opportunity and responsibility to not only reflect on the adversity overcome, but to also make the present a time where Black Americans equitably excel and thrive in the workforce and all aspects of life.

Adopted this _____ day of February 2025.