

City of Colorado

Proclamation

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

FEBRUARY 2026

- WHEREAS,** the City of Colorado Springs recognizes the importance of Black History Month as an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans to our economic, scientific, cultural, spiritual, and political development; and
- WHEREAS,** African American history is a very significant part of American history and should be studied throughout the year; and
- WHEREAS,** since 1976, February has been designated as a month to honor the accomplishments of African Americans; and
- WHEREAS,** 2026 marks a century of national commemorations of Black history. Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson, George Cleveland Hall, William D. Hartgrove, Jesse E. Moorland, Alexander L. Jackson, and James E. Stamps institutionalized the teaching, study, dissemination, and commemoration of Black history when they founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH) on September 9, 1915; and
- WHEREAS,** Colorado Springs can count among its past and present citizens many African American leaders with state, national and international historical prominence, including Horace Shelby, George L. Hackley, Shirley Graham DuBois, Roosevelt Collins, Gretchen McRae, Mayor Leon Young, Senator Ed Jones, Iva Bowers, Mama Susie Perkins, Fannie Mae Duncan, Frank Macon, Dolphous Stroud, Suzanne Rogers, Joyce Gilmer, Reverend Dr. Milton Proby, Sam "Uncle Bud" Dunlap, June Waller, Rev. James McMearn, Senator Tony Exum, and others; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Colorado Springs is committed to celebrating the diversity and cultural heritage that enriches our city, ensuring that the contributions of all individuals are recognized and valued and foster a community where every person is empowered to thrive, regardless of race or background.

NOW, THEREFORE, The Mayor and City Council of Colorado Springs, do hereby proclaim February 2026, as

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Colorado Springs to be affixed this twenty-seventh day of January 2026.

Blessing "Yemi" Mobolade, Mayor
City of Colorado Springs

Lynette Crow-Iverson, President