



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, during Black History Month, we celebrate the many achievements and contributions made by people of African descent to our economic, cultural, spiritual, and political development; and

WHEREAS, in 1926, Dr. Carter G. Woodson initiated Black History Week; and for many years, the second week of February was chosen to celebrate the contributions and achievements of Black people in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, as part of the nation's bicentennial, Black History Week was expanded and became established as Black History Month, and is now celebrated all over North America; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate the diversity of Black individuals in Coppell, Texas, our nation and the Black diaspora, whether they identify as African, African-American, Afro-Latino, Afro-Caribbean, or Black; 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 City of Coppell 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 City of Coppell is proud to honor the history and contributions of Black individuals in our community, throughout our state, and nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wes Mays, Mayor of the City of Coppell, do hereby proclaim the month of February, as

“BLACK HISTORY MONTH”

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Coppell to be affixed this 14th day of February 2023.

ATTEST:

Wes Mays, Mayor

Ashley Owens, City Secretary