

## *Proclamation*

- Whereas,* during Black History Month, we celebrate the many achievements and contributions made by African Americans to our society; and
- Whereas,* in 1915, Dr. Carter Goodwin Woodson, noted Black scholar and son of former slaves, founded the Association for the Study of African American Life and History; and
- Whereas,* Dr. Woodson initiated Black History Week, February 12, 1926 and for many years, the second week of February which was chosen to coincide with the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln, was celebrated by African Americans in the United States; and
- Whereas,* by the late 1960s, thanks in part to the civil rights movement and growing awareness of black identity, the week long celebration evolved into a month long one and in 1976, President Gerald Ford officially recognized Black History Month; and
- Whereas,* the 2022 theme for Black History Month, “Black Health and Wellness,” explores the legacy of not only Black scholars and medical practitioners in Western medicine, but also other ways in which the Black community have contributed to healthcare—birth workers, doulas, midwives, naturopaths, herbalists, etc. throughout the African Diaspora; and
- Whereas,* the City of Manhattan Beach 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, throughout our state, the country and the world.

*Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved* that I, Hildy Stern, Mayor of the City of Manhattan Beach, California, on behalf of the City Council and the residents of Manhattan Beach, do hereby proclaim February 2022 as

### *Black History Month*

*and urge all citizens to celebrate our diverse heritage and culture and continue our efforts to create a world that is more just, peaceful and prosperous for all.*

*Dated* this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2022.

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MAYOR HILDY STERN

