

## Proclamation

- Whereas*, during Black History Month, we honor the extraordinary contributions made by African Americans whose power to lead, to overcome, and expand the meaning and practice of American democracy, has helped our Nation become a more fair and just society; and
- Whereas*, in 1926, Dr. Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of African American Life and History launched "Negro History Week" to bring attention and promote studying black history as a discipline and celebrate the accomplishments of African Americans; and
- Whereas*, during Black History Month we recognize the achievements of African Americans and their role in shaping history along with the contributions that African Americans have made to enhance the economic, cultural, spiritual and political development of our country; and
- Whereas*, the omission of much of the history and contributions of African Americans from textbooks and other literature has impeded awareness and appreciation; and
- Whereas*, the celebration of Black History Month is a positive way of recognizing the culture and history of African Americans as vital to the core beliefs and values of this society; and
- Whereas*, the 2026 theme for Black History Month, "A Century of Black History Commemorations," marking 100 years since the first "Negro History Week." The theme highlights a century of dedicated, organized commemoration of the lives, struggles, and achievements of African Americans; 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 City, the state, the country, and the world.

*Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved* that I, David Lesser, Mayor of the City of Manhattan Beach, California, on behalf of the City Council and the residents of Manhattan Beach, do hereby proclaim February 2026 as

## Black History Month

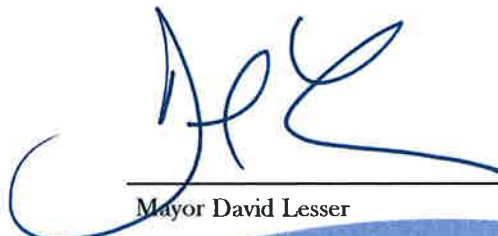
and urge all citizens to celebrate our diverse heritage and culture and continue our efforts to create a world that is more just, peaceful, and prosperous for all.

*Dated* this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2026.

ATTEST:



City Clerk Liza Tamura



Mayor David Lesser

