

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,* 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 2025 theme for Black History Month, "African Americans and Labor," is a reflection on the pivotal role that the hard work of African Americans has played in shaping our country's history. It highlights the diverse and significant ways in which labor—whether voluntary or involuntary, skilled or unskilled—has been at the core of the African American experience; 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, Amy Thomas Howorth, Mayor of the City of Manhattan Beach, California, on behalf of the City Council and the residents of Manhattan Beach, do hereby proclaim February 2025 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 1st day of February, 2025

ATTEST:



City Clerk Liza Tamura



Mayor Amy Thomas Howorth

