

**CITY OF FLAGSTAFF – OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

**PROCLAMATION**

**The City of Flagstaff celebrates the rich cultural traditions and proud ancestry of African Americans and peoples of the African Diaspora and recognizes the vital contributions African American peoples and peoples of the African Diaspora have made to strengthen and diversify our community; and**

African Americans and peoples of the African Diaspora have played, and continue to play, an integral role in shaping, developing, and creating a vibrant city, first as pioneers working in the city’s sawmills and railroads, and later as educators and professors, civil rights activists, community organizers, and public servants including a Mayor; and

**The 2022 theme for Black History Month is "Black Health and Wellness," and recognizes both the contributions and legacy of African Americans and peoples of the African Diaspora to the fields of medicine, health, and wellness, including multiple ways of knowing that inform the work of birth workers, doulas, midwives, naturopaths, herbalists, etc. We recognize as well, the historic economic and health disparities faced by members of the African American community and peoples of the African Diaspora, that while longstanding, have recently been highlighted by the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic, and**

**The Flagstaff City Council established the Commission on Diversity Awareness to advise the City Council on issues and methods in promoting diversity awareness within the City of Flagstaff; and**

**The Flagstaff City Council dedicated to understanding the Black Lived Experience and its commitment to doing so through the adoption of the Lived Black Experience Strategic Plan in Dec. 2020 that provides clear direction and guidance to address conditions of African Americans and Peoples of the African Diaspora in the Flagstaff community; and**

**The Commission on Diversity Awareness recommends the designation of February 2022 as Black History Month, in unison with national and statewide observances;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, PAUL J. DEASY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FLAGSTAFF, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2022 as:**

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

**DATED** this 1st day of February 2022

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**MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**CITY CLERK**