

CITY OF FLAGSTAFF – OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Flagstaff celebrates the rich cultural traditions and proud ancestry of the peoples of the African Diaspora and recognizes their vital contributions made to strengthen and diversify the City of Flagstaff and our surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, National Black History Month serves as a powerful reminder that Black history is American history, and the stories from our Black ancestors are essential to the ongoing story of American culture. As the Flagstaff City Council embraces and celebrates National Black History month, let us not take lightly the faults, the battles, the progress, the hope, the aspirations, and the future; and

WHEREAS, Black cultures are igniting challenging conversations and stimulating learning through the global lens of the African Diaspora which shape, develop, and create a vibrant city. A city where the first sawmill and railroad workers, innovators, civil rights activists, educators, council members, commissioners, a mayor, and public servants include peoples of the African Diaspora; and

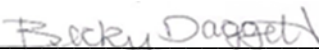
WHEREAS, the Flagstaff City Council observes the 2026 Black History Month theme “*A Century of Black History Commemorations*,” which marks 100 years of national observances dedicated to honoring the lives, struggles, and achievements of African Americans. This milestone invites us to reflect on the origins and enduring significance of these commemorations, which began with Dr. Carter G. Woodson and his colleagues’ founding of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History in 1915. Their vision institutionalized the study and celebration of Black history, laying the foundation for what would become Negro History Week in 1926 and, eventually, Black History Month; and

WHEREAS, The Commission on Diversity Awareness, in partnership with Coconino County African Diaspora Advisory Council and the Southside Community Association recommends the designation of February 2026 as Black History Month, in unison to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Becky Daggett, Mayor of the City of Flagstaff, Arizona do hereby proclaim February 2026, as

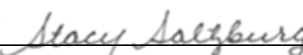
THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Dated this 3rd day of February 2026



MAYOR

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK