

**PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN RAFAEL  
PROCLAIMING THE MONTH-LONG CELEBRATION OF  
BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN FEBRUARY**

- WHEREAS,** In 1976, as part of the nation’s bicentennial, Black History Week was expanded and established as Black History Month, and people across the United States and abroad have dedicated the month of February to honor and uplift the often overlooked accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history; and
- WHEREAS,** Black culture and Black experience are fibers woven into American culture and Black stories play an essential role in the ongoing story of the United States, and it is paramount to recognize and acknowledge the historical and present obstacles and injustices facing Black Americans and celebrate the leadership, contributions, legacies, and achievements of Black Americans; and
- WHEREAS,** The Black History Month theme for 2023 is Black Resistance: Building Bridges and Navigating Barriers, and this theme highlights the legacy of how African Americans have resisted historic and ongoing systemic oppression; and
- WHEREAS,** The 2023 theme emphasizes the energy and drive to advocate for agency and justice through sit-ins, boycotts, protests, and legislation, and celebrates the achievements and successes of Black Americans across the fields of education, science, politics, medicine, finance, media, and more; and
- WHEREAS,** San Rafael celebrates the contributions of Black Americans in the City and throughout our nation, and recognizes the struggle and breakthrough from historical efforts to undermine Black and African pathways to success, and commits to allyship and to educate staff and the community on anti-racism, equity, and inclusion; and
- WHEREAS,** The City Council of the City of San Rafael, is proud to recognize Black History Month, and urges all residents of San Rafael to join in celebrating the accomplishments of African Americans and the actions of resistance, perseverance, and success.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** The City Council of the City of San Rafael Hereby Proclaims the month of February 2023 as Black History Month and recognizes the historic drive for equity and accomplishments African Americans have achieved and the many ongoing contributions made to society and our local community across Marin County and San Rafael.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kate Colin".

**Kate Colin**  
Mayor