

City of San Rafael
Proclamation in Recognition of
BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2024
February 1 - 29, 2024

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 have dedicated the month of February to honor and uplift the often overlooked and under recognized accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history; and

WHEREAS, The 2024 Black History Month theme is “African Americans and the Arts,” which seeks to further education, emphasis, and celebration to honor the historical significance and impacts that varied individuals from Africa, the Caribbean, and throughout the world have had on the arts, and to empower future generations to continue contributing their unique stories, talents, and gifts; and

WHEREAS, Western culture often denied, minimized, and/or thwarted the contributions of many black and African individuals; however, their resistance, passion for their work, and influence is seen across all areas of the arts, including music, spoken word, dance, painting, drawing, figurative works, fashion, folklore, writing, architecture, cooking, and artisan craftwork, from antiquity to the present day; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Rafael supports and encourages employees and community members to delve into the history of Black and African Americans in the arts, especially in genres of interest, and find the many connections and influences these works have across all artistic fields today; and

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of San Rafael, is proud to recognize Black History Month, and urges everyone to join in celebrating the accomplishments of Black and African Americans and the artistic legacy they have carried and permeated into the cultural fibers of our nation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Rafael hereby proclaim February 1 - 29, 2024, as Black History Month, and encourages all citizens to recognize the accomplishments and contributions of Black Americans throughout history and in the generations to come.



Kate Colin
Mayor