

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Black History Month is a time to honor and celebrate the rich heritage, achievements, and contributions of African Americans to the history, culture, and progress of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the observance of Black History Month originated from the vision of Dr. Carter G. Woodson, who founded Negro History Week in 1926, which later evolved into a month-long celebration to ensure that the vital role of African Americans is recognized and remembered; and

WHEREAS, African Americans have played a pivotal role in shaping our nation's history through leadership, innovation, cultural contributions, and a steadfast pursuit of justice and equality, despite facing centuries of systemic oppression and discrimination; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month provides an opportunity for all citizens to reflect on the sacrifices, triumphs, and resilience of African Americans throughout history, from the abolition of slavery and the civil rights movement to the ongoing efforts to combat racial inequality; and

WHEREAS, this month also encourages us to recognize the diversity within the Black community and to appreciate the creative, intellectual, and economic contributions that continue to enrich our society; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of Black History Month underscores the importance of fostering greater understanding, respect, and unity, inspiring current and future generations to continue the pursuit of justice and equity for all people;

WHEREAS, I call upon all citizens to join me in celebrating the achievements and contributions of African Americans, reflecting on the lessons of history, and continuing the important work of building a just and inclusive society.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Hollie Rogin, Mayor of the Town of Lyons, Colorado, do hereby proclaim March 2025 as Black History Month in Lyons, Colorado.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Town of Lyons to be affixed on the 18th day of February 2025.

Attested:

Dolores Vasquez, Town Clerk

By:

Hollie Rogin, Mayor