

Proclamation

Office of the Mayor

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, Black History Month was established by Carter G. Woodson in 1926 to highlight the contributions Black Americans have made to the history of the United States that for years have been omitted; and

WHEREAS, Black Americans have contributed greatly to the success of our country in society, business, government, and the arts and sciences; and

WHEREAS, the Black Community has endured decades of struggle to be recognized as equal among our fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Black Community has persevered through hate and bigotry to stand up for equality and the basic rights we are all entitled to – life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and

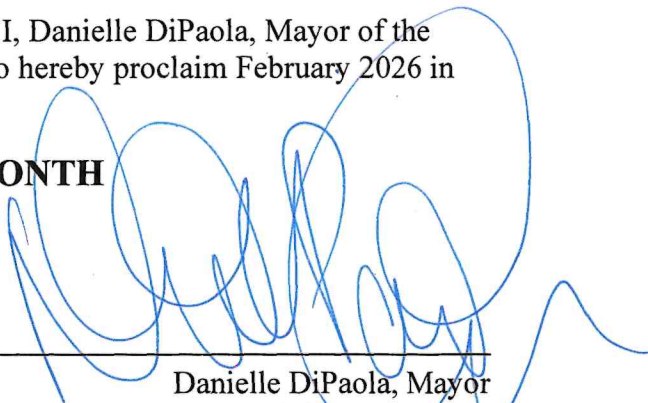
WHEREAS, their achievements, which have monumentally advanced the tradition of equality under the law in our great country, continue to serve as an inspiration for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, during the month February our nation takes pause to reflect on the injustices and struggles hardly fought and overcome by Black Americans throughout our nation's history, and to pay tribute to the contributions they have made to our society; and

WHEREAS, during Black History Month especially, let us reflect on our shared history, and draw inspiration from the progress made as we continue on the path toward equality, liberty, and opportunity for all, as Black History is American History.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Danielle DiPaola, Mayor of the Borough of Emerson, on behalf of the Governing Body, do hereby proclaim February 2026 in the Borough of Emerson as:

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Danielle DiPaola, Mayor
February 3, 2026