

Proclamation

“Black History Month”

February 1- March 1, 2024

Whereas, each year, the United States observes Black History Month (also known as African American History Month) by celebrating the culture, heritage, and countless contributions by Blacks or African Americans and recognizing their central role in U.S. history; and,

Whereas, the most current population of Adams County is approximately 4.4% Black or African American; and,

Whereas, Adams County was featured in the Washington Post in 2021 as one of 64 counties in America with the majority of the population identifying as a person of color; and,

Whereas, what began in 1926 as Negro History Week under the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History was expanded by President Gerald Ford in 1976 to cover the entire month starting on February 1 and ending on March 1; and,

Whereas, this year’s theme, ‘African Americans and the Arts’, brings to light the lived experiences of African Americans throughout history. Visual and performing arts have been crucial in preserving history, community memories, and bolstering empowerment; and,

Whereas, Adams County has two employee-led A-Proud affinity groups, Men of Color and Women of Color, that provide support and create a sense of brother/sisterhood and belonging from one another through shared life, work, and personal experiences. These affinity groups institute action plans when needed to support a better culture and maintain an environment conducive to diversity within Adams County; and,

Whereas, Blacks or African Americans continue their rich history of significant and diverse contributions to the cultural, educational, economic, and political vitality of Adams County.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the Board of Commissioners, of the County of Adams, State of Colorado, proclaims February 1-March 1, 2024 as

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and encourages all residents to honor the rich diversity of the Black or African American community and celebrate the many ways they contribute to our nation and society.

In witness whereof, we have set out hands and caused the seal of the county to be affixed February 6, 2024.