

The City of Holland, Michigan



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Black History Month was established by the U.S. Congress in conjunction with the U.S. Bicentennial in 1976; and,

WHEREAS, during Black History Month, as a nation, we celebrate the achievements and contributions made by Black Americans to our economic, educational, cultural, spiritual, social, political, and scientific innovation; and,

WHEREAS, Black History Month is an opportunity to celebrate and honor this diversity and foster belonging and inclusion through focused learning about the history and legacy of Black Americans and the important contributions to the growth and prosperity of our city, state, and country; and,

WHEREAS, we honor the many local Black leaders, organizations and educational institutions that have contributed to the progress of our community, in particular, I AM Academy and their work to foster access and opportunity for young black Americans, and the many other organizations in our community; and,

WHEREAS, we acknowledge this time to not only build greater understanding of the historical context of discrimination and marginalization often faced by Black Americans; but to build opportunities and channels for change; and,

WHEREAS, as a city we are committed to and aspire to be a channel of peace for the greater good of our city, county, state, and our great nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nathan Bocks, by the virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Holland, Michigan, and members of the Holland City Council, do hereby proclaim and observe February 2023 as

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

encourage all residents to celebrate our diverse heritage and culture, participate in learning opportunities, and continue our efforts to make Holland an inclusive community for all.



Given under my hand and the seal of the
City of Holland, this 15th of February 2023

Mayor Nathan Bocks