PROCLAMATION HONORING
BLACK HISTORY MONTH
FEBRUARY 2022

WHEREAS, Black Americans have played significant roles in the history of economic, cultural, spiritual and political development while working tirelessly to maintain and promote their culture and history; and

WHEREAS, the observance of Black History Month calls our attention to the continued need to battle racism and build a society that lives up to its democratic ideals; and

WHEREAS, the theme for 2022 focuses on the importance of Black Health and Wellness. This theme acknowledges the legacy of not only Black scholars and medical practitioners in Western medicine, but also other ways of knowing (e.g., birthworkers, doulas, midwives, naturopaths, herbalists, etc.) throughout the African Diaspora; and

WHEREAS, people from racial and ethnic minority groups are disproportionately affected by lack of access to quality health care, health insurance, and/or linguistically and culturally responsive health care; and

WHEREAS, the City of West St. Paul is committed to striving for racial equity and providing a healthy community for all its residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of West St. Paul includes diversity and inclusion as one of its strategic initiatives and is proud to honor the history and contributions of Black Americans in our community, throughout our state, and our nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Mayor David J. Napier, and members of the City Council of the City of West St. Paul do recognize and hereby proclaim February 2022 as

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and encourage all citizens to celebrate our diverse heritage and culture and continue our efforts to create a world that is more just, peaceful and prosperous for all.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of West St Paul, Minnesota, to be affixed on this 24th day of January 2022.

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David J. Napier, Mayor