



**PROCLAMATION HONORING
BLACK HISTORY MONTH
FEBRUARY 2023**

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 2023 focuses on the importance of Black Resistance. By resisting Black people have achieved triumphs, successes and progress as seen in the end of slavery, desegregation of educational institutions and increased and diverse representation of Black experiences in media; and

WHEREAS, through the Voting Rights Act of 1965, the enduring legacy of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Civil Rights Movement the legacy and importance of these actions cannot be understated; and

WHEREAS, the City of West St. Paul is committed to striving for racial equity and providing a free, just and equal 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 2023 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 23rd day of January 2023.

David J. Napier, Mayor