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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, this year marks the 100th annual celebration since Carter G. Woodson institute Negro History Week in 1926, which was later changed in 1976 to Black History Month.


WHEREAS, each February, Black History Month honors the struggles and triumphs of millions of American citizens over the most devastating obstacles – slavery, prejudice, poverty – as well as their contributions to the nation's cultural and political life, and

WHEREAS, today the accomplishments of African Americans in every aspect of our society continue to encourage people to reach as far as their dreams may take them, and

WHEREAS, African American organizations have played a vital role in achieving justice and equal rights and have helped make communities across our country stronger and better.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terry D'Arcy, Mayor of the City of Joliet, Illinois, on behalf of Joliet City Council, encourage the Citizens of Joliet to reflect on the past success and challenges of African Americans and look to the future to continue to improve society so that we live up to the ideals of freedom, equality and justice.

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Terry D'Arcy
Mayor