WHEREAS, the City of Santa Fe takes pride in recognizing February 2025 as Black History Month, honoring the many notable contributions that people of African descent have made to our city, state, and country; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Black History Month theme, "African Americans and Labor," highlights the transformative contributions of Black people across various forms of labor—enslaved, voluntary, vocational, and professional—throughout U.S. history, and

WHEREAS, the rich legacy and contributions that record the Black American experience from the atrocity of slavery to Black entrepreneurship, the profound impact of Black labor in building and shaping our nation cannot be overstated; and

WHEREAS, Black labor has been central to building economies, architectural heritage, and social institutions, while African Americans have continually organized to combat exploitation, wage disparities, and discrimination, with figures like A. Philip Randolph and Addie Wyatt leading significant movements for labor and civil rights, and

WHEREAS, the 2025 theme encourages a comprehensive reflection on the intersections between Black work, workplaces, and key moments in Black history, emphasizing the ongoing significance of labor in shaping Black identity, culture, and resistance against systemic racial oppression, and

WHEREAS, despite many accomplishments, systemic racism persists in the United States, generating continued calls for lasting institutional and societal change desperately needed in our country; and

WHEREAS, today and every day, we celebrate, and encourage all people to recognize and confront systemic racism in our neighborhoods and the wider community by standing in the gap at every opportunity, bridging barriers with fearlessness and determination to fight against racism and bigotry and improve representation of Black people, in all facets of our society; and

WHEREAS, the City calls upon the people of Santa Fe to observe the month of February with appropriate programs, activities, and reflections and to continue our efforts to create a world that is more just, equitable and prosperous for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALAN M. WEBBER, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM FEBRUARY 1st – 28th, 2025 AS

"BLACK HISTORY MONTH."

Promulgada en el ayuntamiento, la primer día de febrero del año 2025

Done at City Hall, this 1st day of February 2025

Witness my hand:

Alcalde/Mayor

