

Office of the Mayor
Official Proclamation of the City of Santa Fe
Bando Oficial de la Villa Real de Santa Fé de San Francisco de Asís Nuevo México

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Fe takes pride in recognizing February 2024 as Black History Month, honoring the many notable contributions that people of African descent have made to our country; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate this year's Black History Month theme of "African Americans and the Arts," shining a light on visual and performing arts, literature, fashion, folklore, language, film, music, architecture, culinary and other forms of cultural expression in which the African American influence has been paramount; and

WHEREAS, the suffering of those in bondage gave birth to the spirituals, the nation's first contribution to music; and

WHEREAS, Blues musicians such as Robert Johnson, McKinley 'Muddy Waters', Morganfield and Riley "BB" King created and nurtured a style of music that became the bedrock for gospel, soul, rock and roll and other still popular (and evolving) forms of music, including hip-hop which continues to be a pivotal force in political, social and cultural spaces, lifting up issues such as racial violence, sexism, economic disinvestment; and

WHEREAS, despite these advances and 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 African Americans and the Arts, 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, not only in the arts but all facets of our society; and

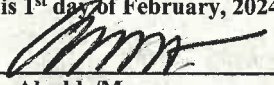
WHEREAS, the City calls upon the people of Santa Fe to observe the month of February with appropriate programs, activities, and reflections and to continue our efforts to create a world that is more just, equitable and prosperous for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALAN M. WEBBER, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM FEBRUARY 1st – 29th, 2024 AS

"BLACK HISTORY MONTH."

Promulgada en el ayuntamiento, la
primer día de febrero del año 2024
Done at City Hall, this 1st day of February, 2024

Witness my hand:


Alcalde/Mayor

