

**WHEREAS,** Black History Month was founded by Dr. Carter G. Woodson as "Negro History Week" in February 1926 and was first expanded to a month-long observance in 1976 by President Gerald Ford; and

*WHEREAS,* Black History Month is a powerful reminder of the historical and ongoing oppression and racism endured by Black Americans; and

*WHEREAS*, The observance of Black History Month is a time to not only reckon with the past but to celebrate and commemorate the profound courage, continued resilience and vital contributions Black Americans have made to our community and country; and

*WHEREAS*, The Township of Schaumburg is committed to advancing representation and belonging of People of Color through its internal Diversity, Equity & Inclusion work and Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee; and

*WHEREAS*, the Township of Schaumburg will continue to honor the legacies of Black Americans, reflect on America's history and pursue opportunities to recognize the achievements of the Black community; and

*NOW*, *THEREFORE*, *BE IT PROCLAIMED* that we, Supervisor Heneghan and Township of Schaumburg Trustees, on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2024 as **Black History Month** in the Township of Schaumburg.

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Township of Schaumburg to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024.

Timothy M. Heneghan, Township Supervisor