

# PROCLAMATION

## RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 2026 AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN THE CITY OF ARLINGTON

WHEREAS, 2026 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Black History Month; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 Black History Month theme, A Century of Black History Commemorations, marks a historic milestone that reflects one hundred years of national efforts to study, honor, and commemorate the history, culture, and contributions of people of African descent; and

WHEREAS, This centennial honors the enduring vision of Dr. Carter G. Woodson and the founders of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, who laid the foundation for what began as Negro History Week and later evolved into Black History Month; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month is an annual observance affirming the continued perseverance, community, pride, confidence, and enterprise of Black People.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Don E. Vanney, Mayor of Arlington, do hereby proclaim February 2025 as

### **Black History Month**

in the City of Arlington and encourage all citizens to join me in this special observance.



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Don E. Vanney, Mayor

February 1, 2026

Date