



PROCLAMATION

Whereas, U.S. President Gerald Ford designated February as Black History Month in 1976; and

Whereas, we celebrate the legacy of Black Americans whose power to lead, to overcome, and to expand the meaning and practice of American democracy has helped our Nation become a more fair and just Society; and

Whereas, many diverse ethnic and racial groups have all played a vital and positive integral part and contributed to the promulgation of America's unique social, cultural, scientific, political, and economic character; and

Whereas, we seek to rightfully center the role of Black Americans in our national narrative to honor the generations of Black organizers, thought leaders, scholars, artists, and everyday people who have fought to realize this nation's promise of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and

Whereas, the Harrison Regional Chamber of Commerce supports the continuing efforts of the Community Task Force on Race Relations to promote and advance the opportunity for all Black Americans to live a full, safe, and productive live for themselves and their families in Harrison and Boone County, Arkansas;

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed that the Harrison Regional Chamber of Commerce representing the Harrison and Boone County business community hereby recognizes February 2023 as "Black History Month" and reminds individuals of the importance of this community celebration and dedication to ending racial strife wherever it exists while expanding career opportunities and improving quality of life for all.

In testimony whereof, the Board Chair and the President and CEO of the Harrison Regional Chamber of Commerce in Harrison, Arkansas have hereunto subscribed their names and have caused their Official Seal to be hereunto affixed on this 10th day of February 2023.


James L. Holland, Chair of the Board


Robert E. Largent, President/CEO