

COUNTY OF FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Black History Month, first nationally recognized in 1976 and observed each February, honors the legacy, culture, resilience and contributions of African Americans and provides an opportunity to recognize their profound impact while acknowledging the persistent inequities and injustices faced by our Black communities in the United States, the Commonwealth of Virginia and Fairfax County; and

WHEREAS, Fairfax County acknowledges its complex history with our historically Black communities and recognizes that past injustices continue to shape present realities and future opportunities; and

WHEREAS, African Americans have made invaluable contributions to the growth and success of our nation and Fairfax County, with lasting achievements in education, science, technology, the arts, public service, business and social justice movements; and


WHEREAS, Fairfax County continues to honor Black history by recognizing and uplifting the individuals whose leadership, service, and advocacy have made a lasting impact on our community; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 Black History Month theme, “A Century of Black History Commemorations: Promote, Protect, Preserve,” serves as a call to action to preserve the history and memory of Black life. We celebrate the countless contributions of African Americans that have benefited everyone while reaffirming Fairfax County’s commitment to fostering a more just and fair county for all; **NOW THEREFORE**


BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of all residents of Fairfax County, does hereby proclaim February 2026 as

Black History Month

in Fairfax County and encourages all residents to unite in recognizing, uplifting and celebrating African American history, heritage, culture and contributions.



Jeffrey C. McKay, Chairman
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors



Rodney L. Lusk, Supervisor
Franconia District

February 3, 2026

Date