

# Proclamation

## ***Black History Month February 2025***

*WHEREAS, over 400 years ago the first African Americans arrived in the United States, forever changing the course of our country; the legacy of this event affects us all, and understanding the complex history of race in America helps us to come together as Americans; and*

*WHEREAS, the first event was celebrated during a week in February 1926, encompassing the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, two key figures in African-American history, and in 1976 the week-long celebration was extended to the entire month of February; and*

*WHEREAS, Black History Month also creates a specific opportunity for all people in Redwood City to reflect on and celebrate the historic and current accomplishments of African American people, both nationally and locally; and*

*WHEREAS, African-Americans helped develop our nation in countless ways, those recognized, unrecognized, and unrecorded; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Redwood City believes every person has the freedom to feel valued and respected, and condemns racism in rhetoric or action; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Redwood City aims to advance racial equity through mindful governance practices, reviewing policies to consider their impacts on community members; and*

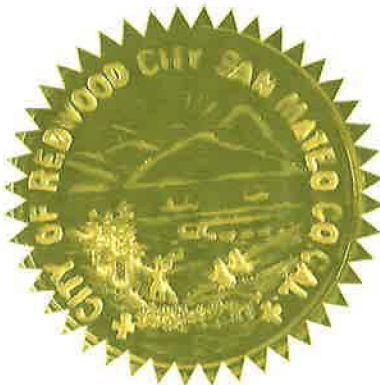
*WHEREAS, on August 10, 2020 the City Council adopted a resolution declaring that Black Lives Matter, acknowledging the ongoing reality of racial inequity and reaffirming the City's commitment to racial equity; and*

*WHEREAS, on October 12, 2020 the City Council further committed to anti-racist action by adding Equity as a Strategic Plan Guiding Principle, affirming that Redwood City will put equity first and urging a collective restart so that policies serve the entire community; and*

*WHEREAS, the Domini Hoskins Black History Museum and Learning Center, located in Downtown Redwood City, offers an expansive display of African American exhibits and artifacts, highlighting the contributions of African Americans throughout our history. The museum's founder and curator, Carolyn Hoskins, carries out the museum's mission of educating youth on the rich history of the African American people and paving a pathway for positive social interaction.*

***NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, ELMER MARTÍNEZ SABALLOS, MAYOR OF REDWOOD CITY, on behalf of the City Council and the people of the City of Redwood City, do hereby proclaim February 2025 as BLACK HISTORY MONTH in Redwood City and encourage all residents to observe this month in honor of the history made by Black Americans and continue our efforts to create a community that is more just, peaceful and prosperous for all.***

*Date: February 10, 2025*



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