

*City of Brisbane*

# PROCLAMATION

## DESIGNATING FEBRUARY 2024 AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, National African American History Month first originated as Negro History Week in 1926 as part of an initiative by writer and educator Dr. Carter G. Woodson to recognize the heritage and achievements of African Americans and to enhance knowledge about African American history; and

WHEREAS, the national theme for 2024 is “African Americans and the arts.” This year’s theme examines the varied history and life of African American arts and artisans and celebrate African American art which is infused with African, Caribbean, and the Black American lived experiences; and

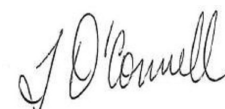
WHEREAS, in the fields of visual and performing arts, literature, fashion, folklore, language, film, music, architecture, culinary and other forms of cultural expression, the African American influence has been paramount; and

WHEREAS, African American artists have used art to preserve history and community memory as well as for empowerment. Artistic and cultural movements such as the Black Arts, Black Renaissance, and hip-hop, have been led by people of African descent and set the standard for popular trends around the world; and

WHEREAS, in celebrating the entire history of African Americans and the arts, the community places into the national spotlight the richness of the past and present with an eye towards what the rest of the twenty-first century will bring; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Brisbane City Council calls on the larger community to study African American history, arts and culture, by visiting sites such as [asalh.org](http://asalh.org) (Association for the Study of African American Life and History), to attend local Black History Month events, and to acknowledge the value African American community members add to the vibrancy and culture of our city.

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Terry O'Connell, Mayor

