

Proclamation

Whereas, beginning in 1976, President Gerald Ford decreed Black History month a national observance.

Whereas, Carter G. Woodson chose the second week in February, as it encompassed both Frederick Douglass' birthday on February 14th and Abraham Lincoln's birthday on February 12th.

Whereas, BHM is the recognition of the African struggle, accomplishments, and perspectives faced while challenging racism, bigotry, and hatred.

Whereas, the citizens of Charles City acknowledge and will strive to cast out negative stereotypes that implode on that pursuit of happiness for our brethren and neighbors of all races, creeds, and colors.

Whereas, we as a community recognize and realize our ultimate purpose on this planet is to serve one another through love, dignity, and respect and that a diverse community makes for a stronger, happier, and healthier community.


Whereas, we understand change doesn't come unless we put forth the effort and come to terms with answering the call of change, and continue to follow the blueprint passed down to us by great leaders such as Dr. Martin Luther King and so many other great freedom fighters of our time.

Whereas, we must persevere until we reach our highest potential and build up what we have torn down by removing systemic biases in all sectors.

"Though shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

NOW THEREFORE, I, Dean Andrews, Mayor of Charles City, Iowa, do hereby proclaim February 1 through February 28 as BLACK HISTORY MONTH in the City of Charles City, Iowa and urge all citizens to celebrate Black History month.

Signed this 1st day of February 2021



Dean Andrews, Mayor

