

MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION
Black History Month
Menomonie, Wisconsin
February 2024

WHEREAS, each year, February is designated as Black History Month, a time for honoring and exploring the culture and history of African Americans and recognizing that our society's rich diversity is one of our greatest strengths; and

WHEREAS, the origins of Black History Month date back to 1915 when Dr. Carter G. Woodson founded the organization known today as the Association for the Study of African American Life and History; and

WHEREAS, as we celebrate the history of Black Citizens – brilliant African American artists, talented musicians and successful business and industry leaders – may we also recognize the barriers they have overcome; and

WHEREAS, observing Black History Month provides opportunities to gain a deeper understanding of African American history and acknowledge the centuries of struggles for equality and freedom; and,

WHEREAS, Black History Month also celebrates the achievements and contributions that African Americans have made in shaping our country and communities; and

WHEREAS, we must not forget the men and women who worked tirelessly for freedom, civil rights and equality for all people and whose deeds helped to broaden and enrich American culture; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Randy Knaack, Mayor of the City of Menomonie do hereby proclaim February 2024 as Black History Month and urge all citizens to join in this celebration.

Mayor Randy Knaack

Date