

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Black History Month became a month-long celebration in 1976 to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans throughout our history; and,

WHEREAS, The month of February is dedicated to the history of Black Americans, to include Carter G. Woodson, known as the “Father of Black History;” and,

WHEREAS, Despite the formal designation of this month-long celebration – struggle and injustice of Black Americans persists to which we must remain vigilant in acknowledging and addressing the past while illuminating policies that need to be changed as well as inadequate and inequitable programs that need to be overhauled; and,

WHEREAS, Organizations such as the AGC Collector’s Club, the African American Advisory Committee and the Tempe Black Employee Alliance, as well as others, have bravely and passionately educated our Tempe community, elevating the rich history, perspectives and culture of Tempe since 1995 and thereby allowing for the ability to hold space for each other at difficult times; and; and,

WHEREAS, In the oft-cited words of Reverend Theodore Parker, Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and President Barack Obama, “The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice;” and,

WHEREAS, This month, and every month, the City of Tempe shall honor the history of Black Americans and continue to make multi-cultural diversity a priority.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Corey Woods, Mayor of the City of Tempe, Arizona, do hereby declare:

February 2022

as

**Black History Month
in Tempe, Arizona**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF,
I hereunto set my hand this
1st day of February,
Two Thousand and Twenty-
Two.



Corey D. Woods

