



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Harvard-trained historian Carter G. Woodson, along with other members of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, established Negro History Week in February 1926 as a way to create and popularize knowledge about Black history; and

**WHEREAS**, in February 1976, the Association held the first African American History Month, known today as Black History Month. Since then, every U.S. president has issued proclamations celebrating February as Black History Month in honor and recognition of the many contributions made by Black Americans and Black American organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, our lives have been enriched by significant contributions of Black Americans in Sonoma County who have contributed to our community by supporting civil rights, social justice, and social equity, and by creating and organizing efforts throughout the community to improve schools, eliminate poverty, educate our children, build religious identity, and make strong positive contributions to Sonoma County in numerous ways; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) was started in 1953 by Gilbert Gray and Platt Williams, prior to the national civil rights movement, and was already tackling issues of concerns of the movement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Rosa -Sonoma County Chapter of the NAACP has been committed to fighting for these causes in our community for 70 years.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that, I, Chris Rogers, Mayor of the City of Santa Rosa, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim February as

### BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Mayor Chris Rogers  
February 1, 2022