

A PLACE FOR ALL
PATTON TOWNSHIP
Proclamation

WHEREAS, since 1976 every United States President has officially designated the month of February as **National Black History Month** to honor and affirm the importance of **Black History** throughout our America experience, and

WHEREAS, the observance of **Black History** began in 1926, with historian, writer and educator, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, along with Minster Jesse Moorland, who sponsored the first national **Negro History Week**, which was celebrated in February and later in the 1960's as part of the observance that evolved into **Black History Month**, and

WHEREAS, the theme for **Black History Month 2023**, "Black Resistance," explores how African Americans have resisted historic and ongoing oppression, in all forms, especially the racial terrorism of lynching, racial pogroms and police killings, since the nation's earliest days, and efforts currently to roll-back civil rights and legislate voter-suppression measures, and

WHEREAS, during **Black History Month 2023** we honor the first African American Black Woman to serve on the Supreme Court, Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson, and

WHEREAS, with a Presidential Executive Order to advance equity and racial justice, we celebrate the most diverse Presidential Cabinet in American history, and

WHEREAS, we honor the endurance and contribution of African American (Blacks) and remember the courage to face reckoning and reconciliation, with an opportunity to learn about Black Trailblazers on whose shoulders we continue to stand on, and

WHEREAS, on what would have been Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's 94th birthday, we continue to honor his memory and how he demonstrated through peaceful teachings and non-violent ways that democracy is an enduring covenant that must be continually renewed, and

WHEREAS, **Black History Month** is a time for all Americans to remember the legacy of African Americans who helped build our nation, fought against prejudice in order to secure lives with dignity and opportunity for all citizens to be equal. To advance the cause of civil rights for all Americans and to strengthen our families and communities that will be "A Place For All".

NOW, THEREFORE, Patton Township Board of Supervisors do hereby join the nation in honoring the contributions made by African Americans and Recognizing February as **Black History Month** in Patton Township.

PROCLAIMED this 8th day of February 2023.

for the PATTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



Elliot Abrams, Chair

On-line Resources for Black History Month 2023

<https://blackhistorymonth.gov/>

<https://asalh.org/black-history-themes/>

[National Endowment for the Humanities – African American History and Culture in the United States](#)

[National Park Service – Black History Month](#)

[Smithsonian Institution – National Museum of African American History and Culture](#)

[United States Holocaust Memorial Museum – Black History Month](#)