



Township of

FERGUSON

Pennsylvania

Proclamation

A PROCLAMATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FERGUSON, CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA TO RECOGNIZE FEBRUARY AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Whereas, Ferguson Township is committed to the celebration of diversity and to fostering an inclusive and welcoming community for all citizens; and,

Whereas, Black History Month is celebrated each year to recognize the struggles and gross injustices faced by African Americans throughout history and to honor their achievements and economic, cultural, spiritual, scientific, legal, and political contributions to this country; and,

Whereas, the celebration of Black History Month started in 1926 from the work of Carter G. Woodson, a noted African American historian, scholar, educator, and publisher; and

Whereas, in 1976, President Gerald Ford officially recognized Black History Month, and every President of the United States since then has continued to designate the month of February to honor and recognize the importance of this month-long celebration; and,

Whereas, each year, there is an endorsed theme for Black History Month, and the theme for 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,

Whereas, it is important that we recognize the dedication, tenacity, and resilience exhibited by Black Americans to shape the Ferguson Township community for the better; and,

Now, therefore, the Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors does hereby designate February 2023 as Black History Month. We call upon public officials, educators, and residents of our Township to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities and recognize the tremendous contributions of the Black and African American community.

Proclaimed this 21st day of February 2023.

Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors

Lisa Strickland, Chair