

Proclamation

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

WHEREAS, Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans, and a time for recognizing their central role in U.S. History and the contributions they have made to this country, and society as a whole; and,

WHEREAS the celebration of Black History Month began in 1926 as “Negro History Week” created by Carter G. Woodson, a noted African American historian, scholar, educator, and publisher. President Gerald Ford officially recognized Black History Month.

WHEREAS the year 1976, President Gerald Ford, officially recognized Black History Month. Subsequently every American President since 1976 has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month, and endorsed a specific theme; and,

WHEREAS the Black History Month 2022 theme, “Black Health and Wellness”, explores the legacy of Black scholars, medical practitioners, naturopaths, herbalists, etc. throughout the African Diaspora; and,

WHEREAS, it is essential that we take note of the accomplishments, hardships, achievements, and struggles of the Black Americans, and take time to celebrate the immeasurable contributions of the descendants of enslaved peoples.

WHEREAS, across generations, countless Black Americans have demonstrated relentless dedication, tenacity, and resilience to help mold and shape our Nation for the better. Today, Black Americans lead industries and movements for change, serve our communities and our Nation at every level; still, in the face of wounds and obstacles with levels of discrimination that must not be ignored, Black Americans can be seen in every part of our society today, strengthening and uplifting all of America; and,

WHEREAS, Ferguson Township greatly benefits from the creativity, enterprise, skills, and diverse heritage of our Black and African American residents that live, work, and play throughout Centre County’s large and small communities, contributing to our economy and enriching the ethnic and social fabric of our community with multiple languages and dialects, cultures, traditions, and religious beliefs; and

WHEREAS, Ferguson Township acknowledges the Board of Supervisors is more diverse, and members on the board are directly affected by the Black Lives Matter Movement; and,

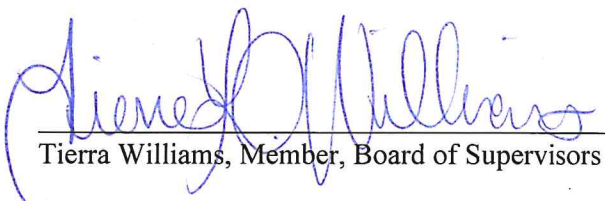
WHEREAS, Ferguson Township is committed to making this an inclusive and welcoming environment for all citizens, and embraces the celebration of diverse families, identities, and pride builds understanding, deepens empathy, and strengthens the fibers of our communities, and today Black Americans lead movements for change and serve our community at every level.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors do hereby proclaim the month of February 2022, as Black History Month, and acknowledge the national theme “Black Health and Wellness”. 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 15th day of February 2022.

Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors


Laura Dininni, Chair


Tierra Williams, Member, Board of Supervisors