



## ***PROCLAMATION***

**WHEREAS**, the origins of Black History month can be traced to the scholar Carter G. Woodson, who in 1926 conceived a yearly celebration to help rectify the omission of African-Americans from history books; and

**WHEREAS**, today, the observance of Black History Month throughout the United States stands as testament to the success of Woodson’s project and an example of how we can work together to make the teaching of history more honest; and

**WHEREAS**, the theme of Black History Month 2012 is “Black Women in American Culture and History”; and

**WHEREAS**, being members of two excluded groups, African American women have faced overwhelming odds in making their names and stories known. In spite of all barriers, the deeds of numerous leaders from Harriett Tubman to Rosa Parks grace the pages of our history books; and

**WHEREAS**, this month we remember those leaders, as well as the singers and poets and artists who left their mark on our culture, and the countless African-American women from all walks of life who helped make our country great.

**NOW, THEREFORE I**, Wayne Tuggle, Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Eden, do hereby proclaim February 2012 as

### ***BLACK HISTORY MONTH***

and encourage all Eden residents to join me in celebrating the collective ingenuity, creativity, cultures, and traditions of African-Americans and encourage everyone to participate in educational events honoring the contributions of Black Americans.

Presented this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2012.

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Wayne Tuggle, Sr., Mayor Pro Tem

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Sheralene Thompson, City Clerk, CMC