



**A PROCLAMATION  
DESIGNATING FEBRUARY AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, during Black History Month, we celebrate the many achievements and contributions made by African Americans to our economic, cultural, spiritual, and political development; and

**WHEREAS**, established by American historian Dr. Carter G. Woodson, the original celebration of Black History Week was observed on February 12, 1926. In 1976, as part of the nation's bicentennial, the week was expanded to a month; and

**WHEREAS**, each February we pause to reflect on the contributions of the African-American community to our national and local identity, and Black History Month gives us an opportunity to learn more about this important part of our nation's story; and

**WHEREAS**, as we celebrate Black History Month, we recognize the many contributions of African Americans to our country and our community and recommit to being a nation of opportunity and hope for every citizen;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that I, Wayne R. Tuggle, Sr., Mayor of the City of Eden, hereby designate the month of February be set aside as

**Black History Month**

in the City of Eden and encourage all residents to join me in celebrating the collective ingenuity, creativity, cultures and traditions of African Americans and commit ourselves to raise awareness and appreciation of Black History Month by participating in educational events honoring the contributions of Black Americans.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Wayne R. Tuggle, Sr., Mayor  
City of Eden

ATTEST:

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Sheralene S. Thompson, CMC, MMC  
City Clerk