



Proclaiming February 2025 as Black History Month

WHEREAS, Black History Month originated from the efforts of scholar Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of African American Life & History (ASALH), and the month serves to honor the history and contributions of Black people in the United States.

WHEREAS, the 2025 theme, “African Americans and Labor,” highlights the profound and varied ways Black people have shaped the workforce - from the forced labor of enslaved Africans to their ongoing contributions in diverse fields. By examining the intersections of work, race, and culture, this theme illuminates how Black workers, activists, and leaders have played a pivotal role in shaping both the economy and the social fabric of the United States.

WHEREAS, honoring Black History Month reminds us that the struggle for economic justice, dignity, and equality is ongoing. It emphasizes the fight for a fair and equitable society, where every worker’s contributions are valued, and this struggle continues to be a vital part of both the Black experience and the broader pursuit of justice.

WHEREAS, the City of Berkeley recognizes and will continue to honor Black History Month and the extraordinary contributions of Black culture.

Now, Therefore, be it resolved, that I, Adena Ishii, Mayor of the City of Berkeley, hereby proclaim February 2025 as Black History Month, and call upon all Berkeley citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, and schools to recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of African American culture and contributions in the City of Berkeley.

Adena Ishii
Mayor



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