

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-

***RELATIVE TO RECOGNIZING AND HONORING BLACK HISTORY MONTH  
(2022 THEME: BLACK HEALTH AND WELLNESS)***

BY:

Council Chairman John Spanbauer  
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Mayor Robert M. Restaino

**WHEREAS**, the origin of Black History Month began in 1915, half a century after the Thirteenth Amendment abolished slavery in the United States, and grew out of “Negro History Week,” the creation of Harvard trained historian Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, with the Civil Rights Movement and a growing awareness of Black identity, Black History Month or National African American History Month evolved to an annual celebration of achievements by Black Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of African Americans in U.S. history; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2022 theme for Black History Month, “*Black Health and Wellness*,” acknowledges the legacy of not only Black scholars and medical practitioners in Western medicine, but also other ways of knowing (e.g., birth workers, doulas, midwives, naturopaths, herbalists, etc.) throughout the African Diaspora and considers activities, rituals and initiatives that Black communities have done to be well; and

**WHEREAS**, the contributions of African Americans from all walks of life and their endeavors throughout history making unforgettable marks in our Nation as artists, scientists, educators, business people, influential thinkers, members of the faith community, athletes, and political and governmental leaders, reflects the greatness of our country; and

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**WHEREAS**, remaining hopeful and confident about the path ahead, and a time to acknowledge the courageous fight for the rights, liberties, and freedoms for all Americans, the City of Niagara Falls, NY observes and honors Black History Month and encourages all residents to appreciate the many and varied contributions to our City by African Americans and their families.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Niagara Falls City Council and Mayor Robert M. Restaino do hereby adopt this resolution to honor Black History Month and recognize the tremendous contributions made by African Americans, throughout history and today.