

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the City of Mill Creek takes pride in recognizing February 2019 as Black History Month, a time dedicated to remembering and celebrating Black culture, history, contributions and sacrifices made to create a brighter future for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month celebrates the achievements of African Americans, who have been instrumental in shaping the character, culture and economic life of our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, founder of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, first launched “Negro History Week” in 1926, and is widely regarded as the father of Black History; and

WHEREAS, in 1976 the informal expansion of Negro History Week to Black History Month was officially recognized by the United States government; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 theme, “Black Migrations,” focuses specifically on the movement of people of African heritage to new destinations and social realities in the twentieth century, it does not forget the millions of early Africans who were forcibly taken to the Americas; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month is an occasion to rediscover the enduring stories of African Americans and the gifts of freedom, purpose, and opportunity they have bestowed on future generations. It is also a time to commemorate the countless contributions of African Americans, many of whom lived through and surmounted the scourge of segregation, racial prejudice, and discrimination to enrich every fiber of American life. Their examples of heroism, patriotism, and enterprise have given people of all backgrounds confidence, courage, and faith to pursue their own dreams; and


WHEREAS, Black History Month is a time to recognize and honor the many people, events, and significant contributions of Black and African Americans to our community, nation, and world.

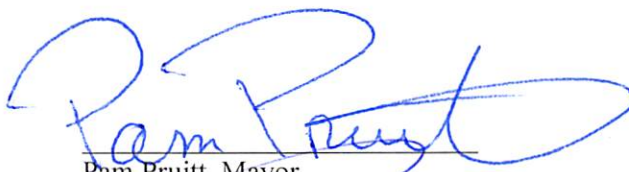
NOW THEREFORE, I, Pam Pruitt, the Mayor of the City of Mill Creek, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2019 as Black History Month and ask all residents of Mill Creek to join me in commemorating the countless contributions of African Americans to our Nation and the World.

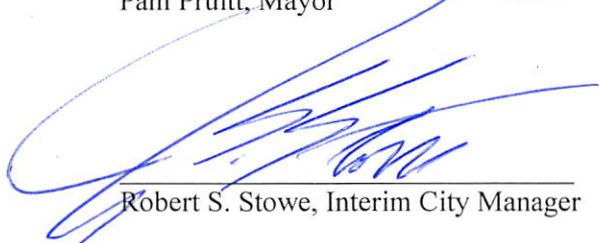
Signed this 19th day of February 2019



Attest


Gina Pfister, City Clerk


Pam Pruitt, Mayor


Robert S. Stowe, Interim City Manager