

City of Rochester



WHEREAS, the City of Rochester recognizes February 2022 as Black History Month and recognizes the contributions of community members tracing their roots to Africa; in 2020 there were 121,395 people living in Rochester, with more than 10,561 (8.7%) Black or African Americans, with significant Sudanese and Somali immigrants; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month national theme for 2022, "Black Health and Wellness", acknowledges the historical and current health disparities for the Black community, and highlights the contributions of the Black community to healthcare; and

WHEREAS, disparities in health outcomes are significant and persistent for the Black community, with double infant mortality, shorter life expectancy and greater incidence of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rochester is known as America's City for Health, and continues to work towards addressing the health needs of all community members in partnership with community organizations and in response to the community health assessment; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rochester acknowledges the historical and current contributions of the Black community to the health and wellness of our community; and

WHEREAS, the NAACP Rochester Minnesota branch is hosting a virtual "Black History Month Speaker Series" every Saturday in February; and on February 1st, the City Hall dome lights were lit with red, green, and yellow.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Kim Norton, Mayor of the City of Rochester, Minnesota, do hereby recognize

Black History Month

during February 2022 and recognize the contributions of community members connecting their heritage to Africa.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the corporate seal of the City of Rochester to be affixed this 7th day of February, 2022.

Kim Norton, Mayor
City of Rochester, Minnesota