

RESOLUTION RECORD

VILLAGE OF NEWBURGH HEIGHTS, OHIO

RESOLUTION NO. 23-08

INTRODUCED BY: Mayor Gigi Traore

A RESOLUTION CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, as early as the 17th century Africans of various regions, cultures and backgrounds were brought involuntarily to the shores of the United States; facing enslavement, discrimination, segregation, and denial of fundamental rights of humanity and citizenship; and

WHEREAS, on the 31st day of January 1865 the United States Congress abolished slavery by the passage of the 13th Amendment, which was approved by President Abraham Lincoln who submitted said amendment to the Joint Resolution of Congress to the state legislatures; and it therefore being ratified on the 6th day of December 1865 by the necessary (three-fourths) number of states; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month, which grew out of "Negro History Week" began in 1926, half a century after the Thirteenth Amendment abolished slavery in the United States, is the creation of noted historian Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African Americans; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month, celebrated in February sets aside the entire month to recognize the heritage and achievements of African Americans in the United States; and

WHEREAS, African Americans, such as Lieutenant Colonel Allen Allensworth, Maya Angelou, Louis Armstrong, Arthur Ashe, Jr., James Baldwin, James Beckwourth, Clara Brown, Blanche Bruce, Ralph Bunche, Shirley Chisholm, Holt Collier, Miles Davis, Larry Doby, Frederick Douglass, W.E.B. Du Bois, Ralph Ellison, Medgar Evers, Aretha Franklin, Alex Haley, Dorothy Height, Jon Hendricks, Olivia Hooker, Lena Horne, Charles Hamilton Houston, Mahalia Jackson, Stephanie Tubbs Jones, B.B. King, Martin Luther King, Jr., Coretta Scott King, Thurgood Marshall, Constance Baker Motley, Rosa Parks, Walter Payton, Bill Pickett, Homer Plessy, Bass Reeves, Hiram Revels, Amelia Platts, Boynton Robinson, Jackie Robinson, Aaron Shirley, Sojourner Truth, Harriet Tubman, Booker T. Washington, the Greensboro Four, the Tuskegee Airmen, Prince Rogers Nelson, Recy Taylor, Fred Shuttlesworth, Duke Ellington, Langston Hughes, Muhammed Ali, Ella Fitzgerald, Mamie Till, and Edith Savage-Jennings, along with many others, worked against racism to achieve success and to make significant contributions to the economic, educational, political, artistic, athletic, literary, scientific, and technological advancement of the United States; and

WHEREAS, African Americans continue to serve the United States at the highest levels of business, government, and the military; and the contributions of African Americans from all walks of life throughout the history of the United States reflect the greatness of the United States; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF NEWBURGH HEIGHTS, CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO, at least two-thirds of all the members elected thereto concurring, that:

Section 1. The Village of Newburgh Heights hereby acknowledges that all people of the United States are the recipients of the rich history provided by African Americans;

Section 2. The Village of Newburgh Heights recognizes the importance of Black History Month as an opportunity to reflect and commemorate the contributions and achievements of African Americans to the United States;

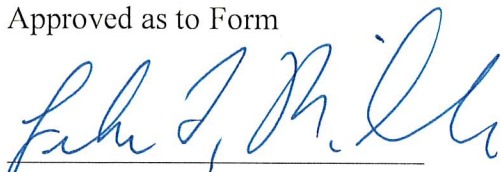
Section 3. The Village of Newburgh Heights hereby encourages the celebration of Black History Month to provide continuing opportunity for all people in the United States to learn from the past and understand the experiences which have shaped the United States;

Section 4. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council that resulted in such formal action occurred in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

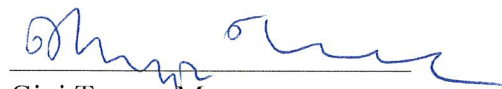
Section 5. This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the inhabitants of the Village of Newburgh Heights, such emergency being the need to enact this resolution during Black History Month; wherefore, provided it receives the affirmative vote of four (4) or more of the members elected or appointed to this Council, this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest time allowed by law.

PASSED: February 7, 2023

Approved as to Form



Solicitor



Gigi Traore, Mayor

Village of Newburgh Heights, Ohio



Cathleen Nagorski, Fiscal Officer

Village of Newburgh Heights, Ohio

1ST Reading: 2-7-2023
2ND Reading: 2-7-2023
3RD Reading: 2-7-2023