

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Black History Month serves as a celebration and a potent reminder that Black history is American history, Black culture is American culture, and Black stories are interwoven into the fabric of America—our struggles, our progress, our dreams; and

WHEREAS, the social awareness of Black history is vital to fulfilling our growth and development as a community, state, and Nation. We celebrate the contributions of Black Americans, honor the legacies and achievements of past generations and confront injustices that remain today; and

WHEREAS, such knowledge can nourish perception for all our citizens concerning the issues of civil rights, the progress that has been made to eliminate barriers for all minorities, and the continuing struggle against racial discrimination; Hate Has No Home in Great Falls; and

WHEREAS, this year we pay special tribute to the historic Black Churches in our Community; the 16th Year Anniversary of the Black Heritage Celebration honors the Union Bethel A.M.E. Church and the Mount Olive Christian Fellowship in conjunction with the memory of Alma Smith Jacobs, who exemplified grace and courage in the face of social adversity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORY REEVES, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS, do hereby proclaim February 2026 as

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

in the City of Great Falls, and urge all residents to join together in making this period of rededication to the principles of justice and equality for all people.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City to be affixed this 6th day of January, 2026.

Cory Reeves, Mayor