



Black History Month Proclamation

Whereas, Black History Month was inspired by Dr. Carter G. Woodson, a Harvard University trained Black scholar, who found in his studies that history books largely ignored the Black population; and

Whereas, Dr. Woodson accepted the challenge of writing Black people into the nation's history and went on to launch programs that have culminated into a month that draws the world's attention to the contributions of Black people throughout history; and

Whereas, this observance affords special opportunity to become more knowledgeable about Black heritage, and to honor the many Black leaders who have contributed to the progress of our nation; and

Whereas, such knowledge can strengthen the insight of all our citizens regarding the issues of human rights, the great strides that have been made in the crusade to eliminate the barriers of equality for minority groups, and the continuing struggle against racial discrimination and poverty;

Therefore I, Steven J. Sciascia, Mayor of the Town of Harrisburg, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the month of February, 2016 as

Black History Month

in the Town of Harrisburg and urge all citizens to join together in making this a period of rededication to the principles of justice and equality for all people.

This the 8th day of February, 2016.

Steven J. Sciascia, Mayor

ATTEST:

Janet Rackley, Town Clerk