

# *Proclamation*

- WHEREAS**, noted historian, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, announced the second week of February as “Negro History Week” in 1926 to increase public awareness and appreciation of the important role that African America’s have played in shaping America’s history; and
- WHEREAS**, the United States Government officially recognized Negro History Week in 1976 as part of the U.S. Bicentennial, expanding it to Black History Month; and
- WHEREAS**, America is a melting pot of cultures and ethnicities; all part of the “Land of the Free.” Black History Month fosters cultural awareness and understanding, while encouraging education about contributions made by Americans of color; and
- WHEREAS**, the omission of much of the history and contributions of African Americans from textbooks and other literature has impeded awareness and appreciation; and
- WHEREAS**, the celebrations of African Americans have been vital to the growth and development of the United States.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that I, Debra Hines, Mayor of the City of Woodcreek, Texas, do hereby proclaim and observe February 2026 as:

## **BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

in the City of Woodcreek, Texas, and encourage all citizenry to participate in activities that foster awareness and appreciation of African Americans contributions to shaping the History of America.

**Proclaimed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026.**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Woodcreek to be affixed. Debra Hines, Mayor, City of Woodcreek.

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Debra Hines, Mayor

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Kari Lebkuecher, City Secretary, Witness