



PROCLAMATION CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, it is also known as National African American History Month; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme is African Americans and Labor. The theme "focuses on the various and profound ways that work and working of all kinds – free and unfree, skilled and unskilled, vocational and voluntary – intersect with the collective experiences of Black people;" and

WHEREAS, this theme intends to encourage reflections between Black people's work and their workplaces in events, culture, religion, social justice, education, and movements; and

WHEREAS, Black labor and its impact in factories, government agencies, military, public service, office buildings, volunteer work, churches, community groups, and private work is instrumental in shaping lives, cultures, and histories of where they live; and

WHEREAS, over the year, musicians, lawyers, teachers, nurses, steel workers, sports players, artists, scientists, dock workers, washerwomen, and organizations have come together to advocate for better working conditions, equal compensations, higher wages, job security, and reproductive rights; and

WHEREAS, 2025 marks the 100-year anniversary of the creation of Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters and Maids; established by A. Philip Randolph and was the first Black union to receive a charter in the American Federations of Labor,

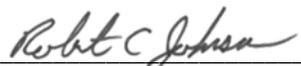
NOW, be it resolved by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Smyrna, that February 2025 is celebrated as

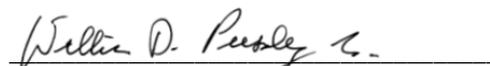
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and hope that all reflect on and honor those who have made differences culturally, economically, politically, scientifically, and who continue to push for equality daily.

Adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Smyrna this 3rd day of February, 2025.

ATTEST:


Robert C. Johnson, Mayor


William D. Pressley Sr., Council Secretary