



Proclamation

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Black History Month Observance February 2004

WHEREAS, generations of African Americans have served our nation in many productive ways, contributing significantly to our economic well-being and to our rich cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, in 1915, Carter G. Woodson began pressing for a “Negro History Week” as a way to explore the contributions of Black Americans in their communities – a dream that became reality in 1926; and

WHEREAS, in 1965, Dr. Robert Pritchard expanded the observance in honor of Dr. Woodson with the founding of “Black History Month”; and

WHEREAS, this year, the observance of Black History Month provides a time for Americans to reflect on the history and teachings of African Americans and to bear witness to the progress, richness and diversity of African American achievement; and

WHEREAS, African Americans have accomplished so much, often in the face of hardship and adversity, and by recognizing and honoring their significant contributions to our community, we can look forward to a bright future of further achievements.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Heather Fargo, Mayor of the City of Sacramento, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2004 as **Black History Month** in the City of Sacramento and urge all citizens to recognize the vital role African Americans play in securing the continued growth of our community and nation.

ISSUED: This 3rd Day of February 2004.

Heather Fargo
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MAYOR