

Town Council of Indian Head

Proclamation Black History Month

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Indian Head proclaim February to be Black History Month.

WHEREAS, Black History Month is an annual celebration which recognizes the significant contributions and central role of African Americans throughout our nation's history, through their contributions in arts, entertainment, law, politics, sciences, sports and so much more; and

WHEREAS, the history of Black History Month traces back to 1915 when the "Father of Black History Month", Dr. Carter G. Woodson, founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, which is currently known as the Association for the Study of African Life and History (ASALH); and

WHEREAS, through their commitment and dedication to African American citizens, Dr. Woodson and the ASALH introduced the first Negro History Week in February 1926, inspiring schools, and communities nationwide to organize local celebrations, establish history clubs and host performances and lectures; and

WHEREAS, in the decades that followed, cities and municipalities across the country began issuing yearly proclamations recognizing Negro History Week, which by the late 1960s, thanks in part to the civil rights movement, and growing awareness of Black identity, evolved into Black History Month; and

WHEREAS, since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 theme for Black History Month is "Black Family: Representation, Identity and Diversity" which explores the complexity and dynamic of African American Families and their stories throughout history; and

WHEREAS, the Indian Head community is better because of the diversity of our population; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Indian Head encourages all Town residents to mark this occasion, and to participate in observing Black History Month, to learn more about the origins of the month, this year's theme, and African American History; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council would like to recognize Councilwoman Margie Posey, and Councilman Curtis Smith for as the first African American female and male to serve on the Town Council, and Ryan Hicks as the first African American Town Manager in the Town of Indian Head.

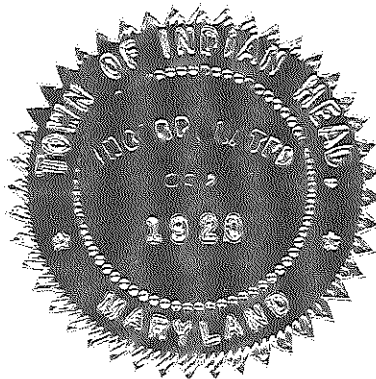
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Indian Head, Maryland hereby proclaim February to be Black History Month.

Signed this 24th day of February, 2021

Brandon Paulin
Mayor

Ron Sitoula
Vice Mayor

Randy Albright
Councilman



Attest by:

Andrea Brady
Town Clerk