

Office of the MAYOR

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# Proclamation

## *Black History Month*

**WHEREAS**, Black History Month grew out of the establishment, in 1926, of Negro History Week by Dr. Carter G. Woodson and the Association of the Study of African American Life and History; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1976, as part of the nation's bicentennial, Black History Week was expanded and became established as Black History Month, and is now celebrated all over North America; and

**WHEREAS**, during Black History Month, we celebrate the many achievements and contributions made by African Americans to our economic, cultural, spiritual, and political development, and

**WHEREAS**, every year, the Association for the Study of African American Life and History sets for Black History Month, and the 2023 national theme is "Black Resistance"; and

**WHEREAS**, the observance of Black History Month calls our attention to the continued need to battle racism and build a society that lives up to its democratic ideals; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Groton continues to work toward becoming an inclusive community in which all citizens – past, present, and future – are respected and recognized for their contributions and potential contributions in our community, the state, the country, and the world; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Groton is proud to honor the history and contributions of African Americans in our community, throughout our state, and nation

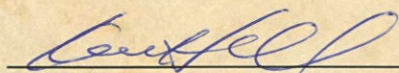
**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Keith Hedrick, Mayor of the City of Groton, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the City, in recognition of African Americans – past and present – in our community, do hereby proclaim February 2023 to be

### BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The City of Groton, and I encourage all citizens to celebrate our diverse heritage and culture and continue our efforts to create a world that is more just, peaceful, and prosperous for all.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Official Seal of the City of Groton, this first day of February, 2023.



  
Keith Hedrick, Mayor, City of Groton