Office of the MAYOR

CITY OF GROTON
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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 2024 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, 2024.

Keith Hedrick, Mayor, City of Groton