

## STRATFORD, CONNECTICUT

By The Honorable **Laura R. Hoydick**, Mayor: a

# PROCLAMATION

*in recognition of*

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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

**WHEREAS,** the 2023 national theme for this monthlong observance is “Black Resistance,” exploring how African Americans have resisted historic and ongoing oppression, in all forms; and

**WHEREAS,** Black History Month calls us to recognize the oppression of African Americans and the need to battle racism and build a society that lives up to its democratic ideals; and

**WHEREAS,** the Town of Stratford continues to work toward becoming an inclusive community in which all citizens are respected and recognized for their accomplishments and contributions; and

**WHEREAS,** the Town of Stratford is proud to honor the history and promote the achievements of African Americans in our community, state, country, and the world.


**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** the Honorable Laura R. Hoydick, Mayor of Stratford, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Town, do hereby proclaim February 2023 to be

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in the Town of Stratford; and I encourage all citizens to celebrate our diverse heritage and culture, and continue to work towards 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 Town of Stratford, this first day of February, in the year of our Lord, two thousand twenty-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-seventh.



  
Laura R. Hoydick  
Mayor

*offering more from forest to shore*