



PROCLAMATION

BLACK HISTORY MONTH
FEBRUARY 2025

WHEREAS, Black History Month is an annual observance in February dedicated to recognizing and celebrating the invaluable contributions and achievements of African Americans throughout the history of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the national theme for Black History Month 2025 is "African Americans and Labor," focusing on the profound ways that work—encompassing free and unfree, skilled and unskilled, vocational and voluntary labor—has intersected with the collective experiences of Black people; and

WHEREAS, African Americans' history can be found in every part of the nation as they constructed and designed some of the most iconic examples of architectural heritage in the country, specifically in the South; and

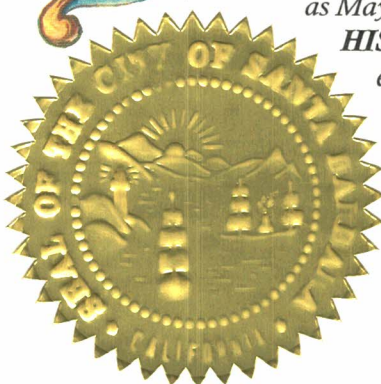
WHEREAS, 2025 marks the 100-year anniversary of the creation of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters and Maids by labor organizer and civil rights activist A. Philip Randolph, which was the first Black union to receive a charter in the American Federation of Labor; and

WHEREAS, in Santa Barbara County, the African American community has significantly contributed to the region's cultural, economic, and social fabric, as documented in the African American / Black Historic Context Statement by Page and Turnbull, Healing Justice Santa Barbara, and the City of Santa Barbara; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month is not only an opportunity to recognize the unique struggles of Black Americans, it also celebrates the accomplishments, integrity, talents, leadership, determination, and progress of the Black community while honoring its resilience and commitment to creating new opportunities for future generations;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RANDY ROWSE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Santa Barbara, do hereby proclaim **February 2025** as **BLACK HISTORY MONTH** in Santa Barbara and encourage community members to engage in activities and discussions to further their understanding of, and appreciation for, Black history.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Santa Barbara, California, to be affixed this 25th day of February, 2025.




MAYOR RANDY ROWSE