

Coconino County Proclamation

Designating February 2024 as National Black History Month

Whereas, the Coconino County Board of Supervisors joins citizens and local governments across the country in recognizing February 2024 as National Black History Month, inclusive of all, as recognized in the African Diaspora; and

Whereas, the 2024 theme for National Black History Month is “African Americans and the Arts” as stated by the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, highlights artistic and cultural movements such as the New Negro, Black Arts, Black Renaissance, hip-hop, and Afrofuturism and have set the standard for popular trends around the world; and

Whereas, Coconino County values the rich and diverse history of the African Diaspora, a people who have shaped continents all over the world; a people who continue to contribute and influence American democracy, history, culture, and identity; and

Whereas, Coconino County acknowledges the history, struggles, and achievements of the past, present, and future generations of our African Diaspora, bringing us to a time of reckoning, redemption, and hope for all people; and

Whereas, Coconino County embraces the many esteemed contributions of the African Diaspora in our County’s lumber and sawmill industries, and notably in the generations of entrepreneurs, educators, artists, authors, scientists, athletes, activists, community leaders, and public servants, and


Whereas, the Coconino County Board of Supervisors supports and engages with the African Diaspora communities in our cities and state, in collaboration with the Coconino County African Diaspora Advisory Council and the Southside Community Association’s Lived Black Experience Project COMMUNITY coalition partnership to involve its residents on issues that impact our communities; and

Whereas, we thank all people of the African Diaspora for the countless acts of courage in the face of discrimination and injustice to make our country the land of the free and to further ensure justice for all; and

Therefore, be it resolved that in the spirit of celebrating and honoring the vast contributions of all people of the African Diaspora in our nation, county, and society, **we do hereby recognize February 2024 as National Black History Month** and call upon all residents to reflect on and embrace the diversity that strengthens us.

Signed and sealed this 6th day of February 2024.

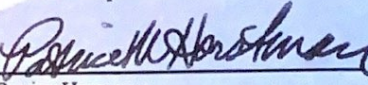
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