



City of Killeen

- WHEREAS** America has recognized black history annually since 1926, first as Negro History Week and later as Black History Month and National African American History Month; and
- WHEREAS** African Americans have left an indelible mark on this great nation, and their story is too often left out of the historical narrative; and
- WHEREAS** Black History Month serves as a call to action to honor the contributions of African Americans, to remember their service and sacrifice and to ensure that future generations learn from those who went before; and
- WHEREAS** The 2017 Black History Month theme, "The Crisis in Black Education," focuses on the crucial role of education in the history of African Americans; and
- WHEREAS** From refusal to let slavery shackle their minds, to the rise of black colleges and universities, through the desegregation of public schools, African Americans have overcome the obstacles placed before them; and
- WHEREAS** Today, we as a nation must face that substandard facilities, overcrowding and ineffective policies are plaguing urban schools and proliferating a racial achievement gap; and
- WHEREAS** Until there is equality in access, resources and opportunity, the fight to break down barriers in education must continue; and
- WHEREAS** We must all work to empower every person in our nation through educational opportunity and achievement because knowledge is power.

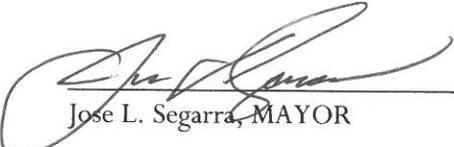
NOW THEREFORE, I, Jose L. Segarra, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Killeen do hereby proclaim February 2017 as a month for remembrance and celebration of:

Black History Month

May we stand united as a community this month and every month to honor the great contributions made by African Americans for we know that diversity is our greatest strength and our greatest hope.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Killeen to be affixed this 31st day of January, 2017.


Jose L. Segarra, MAYOR