



City of Killeen

- WHEREAS** 2022 marks the 96th year America has honored Black history, first as Negro History Week and now as Black History Month; and
- WHEREAS** African Americans are an essential element in the culture of this great nation, and their immeasurable contributions and achievements deserve to be recognized and celebrated; and
- WHEREAS** This year's Black History Month theme, "Black Health and Wellness," acknowledges the legacy of not only Black scholars and medical practitioners in Western medicine, but also throughout the entire African Diaspora through doulas, midwives, herbalists, etc.; and
- WHEREAS** The 2022 theme considers activities, rituals and initiatives that Black communities have done to be well; and
- WHEREAS** The COVID-19 pandemic has disproportionately affected the Black community and Community Clinics were established to provide spaces for Black people to counter the economic and health disparities and discrimination that are found at mainstream institutions; and
- WHEREAS** Initiatives to help decrease disparities have resulted in several outcomes, including having more diverse practitioners and representation in all segments of medical and health programs; and
- WHEREAS** Local organizations like the NAACP and Innovation Black Chamber of Commerce are empowering the Black community through health and wellness events, celebrating Black educators and providing the fundamentals of business ownership, economics and resources; and
- WHEREAS** Killeen is a community that prides itself on its diversity, equality and inclusivity and this month is a powerful reminder that Black history is American history, Black culture is American culture, and Black stories are essential to the ongoing story of America — our faults, our struggles, our progress, and our aspirations.

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 2022 as a month for remembrance and celebration of:

Black History Month

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Killeen to be affixed this 8th day of February, 2022.

Jose L. Segarra, MAYOR