



# City of Killeen

- WHEREAS** 2021 marks the 95<sup>th</sup> 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 contributions deserve to be recognized and celebrated; and
- WHEREAS** This year's Black History Month theme, "The Black Family: Representation, Identity, and Diversity," calls upon society to look beyond the stereotypes so often portrayed by literature and film to see the history, complexity and value; and
- WHEREAS** The Black Family has evolved and endured from its origins in Africa to its division by slavery to its struggle through the Civil Rights Movement to its current fight for equality; and
- WHEREAS** The Black Family is typical and atypical, it is simple and complex, it is traditional and non-traditional; and
- WHEREAS** The variety of representations of family has been described as a microcosm of the entire race, for in it, one can see the origins of traditions like family reunions, relatives by birth and by affinity, nuclear and extended families or patriarchal and matriarchal households; and
- WHEREAS** Family is an institution to be celebrated in all its forms as it is the foundation of life and the holder of one's history; and
- WHEREAS** Killeen is a community that prides itself on its diversity, equality and inclusivity made possible only through the actions of this generation to honor the generations before and to benefit the generations ahead.

**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 2021 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 and support The Black Family for we know that diversity is both 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2021.

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Jose L. Segarra, MAYOR