

Office of the Mayor

CITY OF MANITOWOC

Proclamation

- WHEREAS, during Black History Month, we celebrate the many achievements and contributions made by African Americans to our economic, cultural, spiritual, and political development, and;
- WHEREAS, Black History Month grew out of the establishment of Negro History Week in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, and;
- WHEREAS, the 2021 theme for Black History Month is: "The Black Family: Representation, Identity, and Diversity", and;
- WHEREAS, the observance of Black History Month calls our attention to the continued need to battle racism and build a society that lives up to its democratic ideals, and;
- WHEREAS, the City of Manitowoc continues to work toward becoming an inclusive community in which all citizens—past, present, and future—are respected and recognized for their contributions and potential contributions to our community, the state, the country, and the world, and;
- WHEREAS, organizations like Lakeshore United Visionaries based in Manitowoc are dedicated to bringing unity in the community through education, understanding and love, and;
- WHEREAS, the City of Manitowoc is proud to honor the history and contributions of African Americans in our community, throughout our state, and nation.

Now, therefore, in recognition of African Americans – past and present – in our community I, Justin M. Nickels, Mayor of the City of Manitowoc, do hereby proclaim **February 2021** to be

Black History Month

in the City of Manitowoc and I encourage all citizens to celebrate our diverse heritage and culture, and continue our efforts to create a world that is more just, peaceful, and prosperous for all.



In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Manitowoc to be affixed. Done at City Hall in the City of Manitowoc this 15th day of February, Twenty Twenty-One.


Justin M. Nickels, Mayor