

Proclamation of the Town of Rolesville
Mayor and Board of Commissioners
Proclaiming February as Black History Month

Whereas, the African-American scholar and historian, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (later renamed the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History) which has historically worked to preserve and perpetuate African-American History and culture; and

Whereas, on February 12, 1926, Dr. Woodson designated the second week of February, chosen to coincide with the birthdays of the prominent abolitionist Fredrick Douglass and President Abraham Lincoln, as Black History Week, to honor the contributions made to our country and the world by African-Americans; and

Whereas, the celebration of the contributions of African-Americans was lengthened to include the entire month of February in 1976 as part of the United States' Bicentennial celebration; and

Whereas, the month is a historic milestone for the birth on February 23, 1968 of W.E.B. DuBois who was a civil rights leader and co-founder of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; and

Whereas, the month is a historic milestone for on February 3, 1870, the 15th amendment was passed which granted African-Americans the right to vote; and

Whereas, the month is a historic milestone for on February 25, 1870, the first African-American United States Senator Hiram R. Revels, took the oath of office; and

Whereas, the month is a historic milestone for on February 1, 1960 a courageous group of African-American college students began a sit-in at a segregated Woolworth's lunch counter in Greensboro, North Carolina; and

Whereas, February is now nationally recognized as Black History Month throughout the United States and in various parts of the world.

Now Therefore Be It Proclaimed, that the Town of Rolesville Mayor and Board of Commissioners declares the month of February as Black History Month.

Adopted this 1st day of February, 2016.



Town of Rolesville Mayor
Frank Eagles

Attest:

Town of Rolesville Clerk
Robin E. Reif