

Mayor Nancy Smith

Whereas, Diversity of social identity, including racial and cultural identity, contributes positively to the development of society and is a matter of pride and celebration; and

Whereas, Americans of African descent have made valuable and lasting contributions to our country and our state, achieving exceptional success in all aspects of society including business, education, politics, science and the arts; and

Whereas, in 1976, Black History Month was adopted to honor and affirm the importance of the history of African Americans and to focus on the stories and teachings of those who helped build our nation, advance the cause of civil rights and strengthen families and communities; and

Whereas, the City of Maricopa 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nancy Smith Mayor of the City of Maricopa, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2023 as Black History Month in the City of Maricopa, Arizona, and we urge all citizens to join with us in celebrating the significance of African American culture in its past, present, and going forward into the future.

Dated this 6th day of February, 2023

Nancy Smith, Mayor