

**CITY OF COLLEGE PARK
BLACK HISTORY MONTH
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, Black History Month is an annual celebration of the contributions made by Black people and a time to recognize the central role of Black people in our history; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate the diversity of Black people in College Park, Maryland, our nation, and the Black diaspora, whether they self-identify as African, African-American, Afro-Latino, Afro-Caribbean, or Black; and

WHEREAS, Black people have played significant roles and made lasting contributions to our City's history; and

WHEREAS, while the observance of Black History Month calls our City's attention to the continued need to battle racism and to build a society that lives up to its democratic ideals, this year's celebrations and recognition of Black History Month are especially significant as we reflect on the historic challenges facing our community; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month is a time for all residents of College Park to remember those who fought against racism to secure lives of dignity and opportunity for all of our residents, advanced the cause of civil rights for all Americans, and strengthened our families and communities; and

WHEREAS, this month, we celebrate and affirm the importance of Black people to our community, throughout our state and the nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park recognize February as BLACK HISTORY MONTH and encourage residents to continue efforts to create a world that is more just, equitable and prosperous for all.

PROCLAIMED THIS 6th DAY OF February 2024.

Fazlul Kabir, Mayor
City of College Park, Maryland