

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

PROCLAMATION NUMBER 23-02

COUNTY OF DORCHESTER

**PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 2023 AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH
IN DORCHESTER COUNTY**

WHEREAS, noted historian, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, announced the second week of February as " Negro History Week" in 1926 in order to increase public awareness and appreciation of the important role that African Americans have played in shaping America' s history; and

WHEREAS, the United States government officially recognized Negro History Week in 1976 as part of the U.S. Bicentennial, expanding it to Black History Month; and

WHEREAS, America is a melting pot of cultures and ethnicities; all part of the " Land of the Free." Black History Month fosters cultural awareness and understanding, while encouraging education about contributions made by Americans of color; and

WHEREAS, Black History is American history and the omission of some of the history and contributions of African Americans from textbooks and other literature has impeded awareness and appreciation; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of Black History Month is a positive way of recognizing the culture and history of African Americans as vital to the core beliefs and values of this society; and

WHEREAS, the contributions of African Americans have been vital to the growth and development of Dorchester County, South Carolina.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that Dorchester County Council hereby proclaims and observes the month of February as Black History Month and encourages residents of Dorchester County to participate in activities that foster awareness and appreciation of African Americans' contributions to shaping the history of Dorchester County, South Carolina and America.

ADOPTED THIS 17th DAY OF JANUARY 2023.

BY: Todd Friddle

Todd Friddle, Chairman
Dorchester County Council

ATTEST: Tracey L. Langley
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Clerk to Council

