

Proclamation

Black History Month 2022

WHEREAS, the Borough of Paxtang takes pride in recognizing February 2022 as Black History Month, a time dedicated to remembering and celebrating Black culture, history, contributions and sacrifices made to create a brighter future for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month celebrates the achievements of African Americans, who have been instrumental in shaping the character, culture and economic life of our commonwealth and nation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, founder of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, first launched “Negro History Week” in 1926, and is widely regarded as the father of Black History; and

WHEREAS, in 1976 the informal expansion of Negro History Week to Black History Month was officially recognized by the United States government; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 theme, “Black health and wellness,” acknowledges the legacy of not only Black scholars and medical practitioners in Western medicine, but also other ways of knowing (e.g., birthworkers, doulas, midwives, naturopaths, herbalists, etc.) throughout the African Diaspora. The 2022 theme considers activities, rituals and initiatives that Black communities have done to be well; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month is an occasion to rediscover the enduring stories of African Americans and the gifts of freedom, purpose, and opportunity they have bestowed on future generations. It is also a time to commemorate the countless contributions of African Americans, many of whom lived through and surmounted the scourge of segregation, racial prejudice, and discrimination to enrich every fiber of American life. Their examples of heroism, patriotism, and enterprise have given people of all background’s confidence, courage, and faith to pursue their own dreams; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month is a time to recognize and honor the many people, events, and significant contributions of Black and African Americans to our community, nation, and world.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Nathan Martin, the Mayor of the Borough of Paxtang, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2022 as Black History Month and ask all residents of Paxtang to join me in commemorating the countless contributions of African Americans to our Borough, our Nation and the World. I encourage all residents to celebrate our diverse heritage and culture, and continue our efforts to create a world that is more just, peaceful, and prosperous for all.

Signed this 15th day of February 2022.