

# PROCLAMATION

## *Black History Month*

**WHEREAS**, Black History Month, celebrated annually during the month of February, was created by Carter G. Woodson in 1926 to highlight the contributions and accomplishments made by the Black community to our Nation, which until then had been omitted; and

**WHEREAS**, the Redlands Community Reunion stands as a living testament to the resilience, history, and enduring spirit of Redlands' Black and Brown communities. Rooted in love for their hometown and deep respect for those who built it, the Redlands Community Reunion was created to honor our past, celebrate our present, and strengthen our future; and

**WHEREAS**, the vision for this gathering began years ago, when community conversations made clear that something precious was being lost — the connection between generations, families, classmates, neighbors, and friends who helped shape Redlands' cultural and civic fabric; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2022 under the leadership of Jimmy Dixon, who courageously declared, "The time is now," that vision became a reality. What began as an idea became a movement to bring people home — to laugh together, remember together, and stand together in pride; and

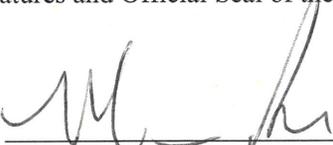
**WHEREAS**, over the past four years, this Reunion has grown into a powerful expression of unity and cultural preservation — a reminder that Redlands is not just a place on a map, but a home held in the hearts of its people. Whether they have remained in Redlands or moved away, Redlands Community Reunion has reaffirmed that the roots of its people here still matter; and

**WHEREAS**, as we celebrate Black History Month, the Redlands Community Reunion stands as an example of how community-led leadership preserves history, strengthens identity, and builds bridges across generations. With the torch being passed forward toward 2027 and beyond, this work will continue — ensuring that the legacy of Redlands' Black and Brown families remain visible, honored, and alive.

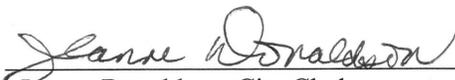
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Redlands hereby declares the month of February 2026 as Black History Month, and encourages residents to fight racism, intolerance and prejudice through education, kindness, compassion, and understanding.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, we hereunto affix our signatures and Official Seal of the City of Redlands on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2026.



  
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Mario Saucedo, Mayor

*Attest:*

  
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Jeanne Donaldson, City Clerk