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Proclamation Recognizing February as Black History Month in El Paso County

WHEREAS, For generations, African Americans have exemplified the American spirit by overcoming struggles, breaking down barriers and striving for equality for themselves and others; and

WHEREAS, African American history plays a significant role in the American story, making this great nation a better place to live, work and play for everybody; and

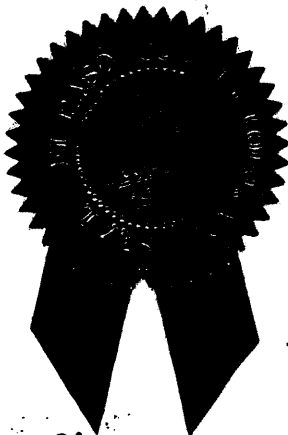
WHEREAS, El Paso County and the Pikes Peak Region has had among its past and present residents many African American leaders, educators, and social justice pioneers with state, national and international historical prominence, including Horace Shelby, George L. Hackley, Aaron Bailey, Reverend James B. Gregg, John F. Cooper, Shirley Graham DuBois, Roosevelt Collins, Gretta McRae, Leon Young, William Seymour, Fannie Mae Duncan and others; and

WHEREAS, the strength and determination of men and women like these remind us that our region is made up of people whose contributions continue to make it stronger and better; and

WHEREAS, since 1976, February has been designated as Black History Month in the United States in which the stories of strong men and women and the events that have shaped the African American experience in the U.S., Colorado and El Paso County should be recognized and celebrated.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of El Paso County Commissioners hereby recognizes February 2019 as Black History Month, in El Paso County, Colorado, and reminds everyone to use this commemoration of Black History Month to serve as a reminder of the need for meaningful dialogue and shared commitment to collective action that uplifts and empowers.

DONE THIS 14th day of February 2019, at Colorado Springs, Colorado.



ATTEST: *Chuck Broerman*

Chuck Broerman
County Clerk and Recorder

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