

**PROCLAMATION
In Support of
Black History Month in Gilpin County, Colorado**

WHEREAS, the County of Gilpin recognizes that people of African American heritage have played a vital role in the development of Central City, churches, Lincoln Hills and other aspects of the history of Gilpin County, other local communities and the nation; and

WHEREAS, the County of Gilpin recognizes the fact that people of African American heritage are an integral part of the diversity of our county, state and nation; and

WHEREAS, Gilpin County is dedicated to opposing systemic racism towards people of color, which perpetuates higher rates of poverty and income inequality, and exacerbates disproportionate health, education, and social crises; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month has been recognized by every United States President since 1976; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in U.S. history, Gilpin County strongly supports the proposition that Black History Month shall be an opportunity to celebrate the thriving cultures and values of people of African American descent; and

WHEREAS, Gilpin County encourages all residents to acknowledge the historic contributions and sacrifices made by African Americans in the development of the County, the State, the Nation, the free world, and the global economy; and

WHEREAS, Gilpin County strongly encourages schools to include the teaching of African American history in their curriculum and encourages other businesses, organizations, and institutions to recognize Black History Month.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Gilpin County Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the month of February, 2024, as Black History Month.

ADOPTED this 13th day of February, 2024.

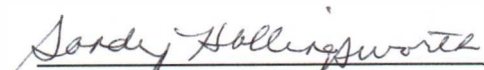
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Clerk to the Board

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