

**A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA
PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 2026 AS “BLACK HISTORY MONTH” IN THE CITY OF
POMONA**

WHEREAS, during National Black History Month, we celebrate the vast contributions of African Americans to our Nation’s history and identity; and

WHEREAS, 2026 marks a milestone of both progress and persistence in the United States, the 100th anniversary of federal recognition for Black Americans; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month grew out of the establishment, in 1926, of Negro History Week by Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of African American Life and History; and

WHEREAS, the Black History Month 2026 theme, “A Century of Black History Commemoration,” centers on honoring the 100-year legacy of Black History Month and the enduring impact of Black history, culture, and community. The theme recognizes the many ways Black people have shaped society through creativity, leadership, storytelling, and collective care across generations.; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pomona is deeply committed to equity and inclusion. This stance includes the cultural and racial affirmation of our students, staff, parents and community members who identify as African American; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pomona strives to close the equity and outcome gaps for African Americans through policies and practices that reflect the experiences of Black Africans to ensure greater access and opportunity and honor history, heritage and contributions.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA does hereby proclaim February 2026 as:

“BLACK HISTORY MONTH”

Dated this 2nd day of February, 2026