

A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, RECOGNIZING THE 160TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FORMATION OF THE UNITED STATES BUFFALO SOLDIERS REGIMENTS IN JULY 1866

WHEREAS, African-Americans have fought with distinction in all this country's military engagements; and

WHEREAS, on July 28, 1866, Congress established a peacetime army founding six all-Black regiments later reorganized into four - the 9th and 10th Cavalries and the 24th and 25th Infantries; and

WHEREAS, the soldiers were nicknamed Buffalo Soldiers by the Native Americans because of their reputation for fighting ferociously to the end in a battle; and

WHEREAS, Buffalo soldiers were responsible for escorting settlers, cattle, and railroad crews, exploring and mapping vast areas of the Southwest, and stringing miles of telegraph lines, helping in the expansion of the West; and

WHEREAS, throughout the area the era of the Indian Wars, Buffalo Soldiers were posted from Montana, to Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona, making up approximately 20 percent of the United States Cavalry troopers; and

WHEREAS, these segregated soldiers served valiantly under oppressive conditions and discrimination; and

WHEREAS, it is important to preserve the history of the Buffalo Soldiers and commemorate the sacrifices they have made to the United States; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, Congress passed a law designating July 28th as National Buffalo Soldiers Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA does hereby recognize the **160th Anniversary of the Formation of the United States Buffalo Soldiers Regiments in July 1866.**

Dated this 6th day of July 2026