

**Village of Arlington Heights Proclamation  
In Recognition of  
Black History Month  
February 2023**

**WHEREAS**, during Black History Month, we honor the extraordinary contributions made by African Americans throughout the history of our Republic, and we renew our commitment to liberty and justice for all;


**WHEREAS**, during Black History Month we recognize the achievements of African Americans and their role in shaping history along with the contributions that African Americans have made to enhance the economic, cultural, spiritual and political development of our country;

**WHEREAS**, this year's theme "Black Resistance", defined by Association for the Study of African American Life and History, at [www.asalh.org](http://www.asalh.org), explores how "African Americans have resisted historic and ongoing oppression, in all forms, especially the racial terrorism of lynching, racial pogroms and police killings," since the nation's earliest days;

**WHEREAS**, the theme for this year considers activities, rituals and initiatives that Black communities have done to be well;

**WHEREAS**, during Black History Month, we recognize the essential role of African Americans in shaping the story of America and honor their courage and contributions;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Thomas W. Hayes, Mayor of the Village of Arlington Heights, along with the Arlington Heights Village Board of Trustees, do hereby proclaim February 2023 as **Black History Month** in the Village of Arlington Heights, and urge all our citizens to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

  
Thomas W. Hayes, Mayor

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