PROCLAMATION
BLACK HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by black Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of African Americans in U.S. history; and

WHEREAS, since 1976 every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month, and other countries around the world, including Canada and the United Kingdom, also devote a month to celebrating black history; and

WHEREAS, this observance affords a special opportunity to become more knowledgeable about black heritage, and to honor the many black leaders who have contributed to the progress of our community state, and nation; and

WHEREAS, such knowledge can strengthen the understanding by all citizens regarding the issues of human rights, the great strides that have been made in the crusade to eliminate barriers to equality for minority groups, and the continuing struggle against racial discrimination and poverty.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bettie J. Parker, Mayor of the City of Elizabeth City, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2019 as Black History Month in Elizabeth City and express special commendation to the dedicated volunteers who have labored so diligently to make this observance a reality in our community; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that I urge all citizens to take special note of the various Black History Month exhibits displayed in public buildings, attend scheduled activities, and join together in making this a period of rededication to the principles of justice and equality for all people.

DATED, this the 25th day of February 2019.

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Bettie J. Parker
Mayor

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April D. Onley
Interim City Clerk