

PROCLAMATION

The Town of Portola Valley Recognizes February 2023 as

Black History Month

WHEREAS, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, a noted United States Historian, announced the second week of February as “Negro History Week” in 1926 in order to increase public awareness and appreciation of the important role that African-Americans have played in shaping America’s history; and

WHEREAS, the United States government officially recognized Negro History Week in 1976 as part of the U.S. Bicentennial, expanding it to “Black History Month”; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month fosters cultural awareness and understanding, while encouraging education about contributions made by African-Americans; and

WHEREAS, the omission of much of the history and contributions of African-Americans from textbooks and other literature has impeded awareness and appreciation; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of Black History Month is a positive way of recognizing the culture and history of African-Americans as vital to the core beliefs and values of this society; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Council of the Town of Portola Valley, California hereby recognizes February 2023 as

Black History Month

Be It Further Resolved, The Town of Portola Valley urges all residents to join in recognizing the culture, accomplishments, and contributions of African-Americans, together.

Jeff Aalfs, Mayor
February 8, 2023