

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Black History Month, also known as National African American Month, has been recognized by all U.S. Presidents since 1976; **and**

WHEREAS: Black History Month is a time to celebrate the contributions of African Americans who have shaped the history of our state and nation; we are reminded of our responsibility to respect and preserve this lasting heritage and culture; **and**

WHEREAS: Black History Month reminds us of the struggles and personal sacrifices of African Americans, and honors their outstanding contributions and achievements, especially in the advancement of civil rights and equality; **and**

WHEREAS: Kentucky African Americans have made a great imprint upon our country's landscape including: Charles Anderson Jr who was Kentucky's first African American legislator in the South since Reconstruction, Mary Ellen Britton who was a physician, educator, suffragist, journalist and civil rights activist, Willa Brown Chappel who was the first African American woman to earn her pilot's license, and Muhammad Ali, professional boxer, activist and philanthropist who is regarded as one of the most significant and celebrated sports figures of the 20th century; **and**

WHEREAS: Our vibrant African American community continues to be a vital part of Bardstown's rich diversity by contributing significantly to all aspects of daily life.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Richard Heaton, Mayor of the City of Bardstown, do hereby encourage all Bardstown residents to join in celebration of

Black History Month

IN BARDSTOWN, KENTUCKY

CITY OF BARDSTOWN

J. Richard Heaton, Mayor