



# PROCLAMATION

## ***Recognition of Black History Month February 2025***

*WHEREAS, the City of Imperial Beach continues to work toward becoming an inclusive community in which all residents are respected and recognized for their contributions to our world; and*

*WHEREAS, on February 12, 1926 a week was chosen to celebrate Black History as it acknowledged the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln on Feb. 12 and of Frederick Douglass on Feb. 20, both of whom were recognized as champions of freedom and equality; and*

*WHEREAS, in the late 1960s America experienced the Civil Rights Movement and prominent civil rights activists supported the evolution of the week into an entire month; and*

*WHEREAS, African Americans have been pivotal in the creation of a massive number of inventions and are recognized for achievements in education, social services, public safety, health, business, fine arts, entertainment, science, government, politics, law, engineering, and technology; and*

*WHEREAS, Black History Month is celebrated every February as tribute to the achievements of African Americans who have shaped American history from 1619 to the election of the first Black President and Vice-President of the United States of America in 2008 and 2020, respectively, and beyond; and*

*WHEREAS, throughout Black History Month, we celebrate the many achievements, contributions and sacrifices made by African Americans to our economic, cultural, spiritual and political development.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED*** that I, Paloma Aguirre, Mayor of the City of Imperial Beach, together with the City Council, hereby proclaim February 2025 as ***“BLACK HISTORY MONTH”*** in the City of Imperial Beach.

*Dated: February 19, 2025*

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*Paloma Aguirre, Mayor*