



**HONORARY PROCLAMATION  
RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 2022  
AS "BLACK HISTORY MONTH"**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Arroyo Grande is welcoming, inclusive, and dedicated to improving the quality of life for those who live, work, and visit here; and

**WHEREAS**, Black History Month grew out of the establishment, in 1926, of Negro History Week by Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH); and

**WHEREAS**, the observance of Black History Month calls for our attention to the continued need to battle racism and build a society that lives up to its democratic ideals; and

**WHEREAS**, the ASALH has established the 2022 national theme for observance of this year's Black History Month is "Black Health and Wellness," and acknowledges the legacy of not only Black scholars and medical practitioners in Western medicine, but also other ways of knowing (e.g. birthworkers, doulas, midwives, naturopaths, herbalists, etc.) throughout the African Diaspora; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Arroyo Grande continues to work toward becoming an inclusive community in which all citizens – past, present, and future – are respected and recognized for their contributions and potential contributions to our community, the state, the country, and the world; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Arroyo Grande is proud to honor the history and contributions of African Americans in our community, throughout our state, and nation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Caren Ray Russom, Mayor of the City of Arroyo Grande, do hereby proclaim February 2022 as "Black History Month" and encourage all citizens to celebrate our diverse heritage and culture, and continue our efforts to create a world that is more just, peaceful, and prosperous for all.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Arroyo Grande to be affixed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022.

**CAREN RAY RUSSOM, MAYOR**

