



Mayoral Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** each year, Black History Month is observed in February; and,
- WHEREAS,** the origins of Black History Month date back to 1915 when Dr. Carter G. Woodson founded the organization known today as the Association of the Study of African American Life and History; and,
- WHEREAS,** during Black History Month, we celebrate the many achievements and contributions made by African Americans to our economic, cultural, spiritual, and political development; and,
- WHEREAS,** the Town of Fuquay-Varina 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; and,
- WHEREAS,** the Town of Fuquay-Varina will present the video series, *Fuquay-Varina Firsts, Celebrating Black History* to help inform, educate and raise awareness of African American achievements in our town and to celebrate the impact of Fuquay-Varina's pioneering African American community leaders and institutions; and,
- WHEREAS,** the Town of Fuquay-Varina is proud to honor the history and contributions of African Americans in our community, throughout our state, and nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. BLAKE MASSENGILL, Mayor of the Town of Fuquay-Varina, do hereby proclaim February 2023 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.



FUQUAY-VARINA, NORTH CAROLINA


J. Blake Massengill, Mayor