A PROCLAMATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF COLLEGE, CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA TO OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZE BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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 for the Study of African American Life and History; and

WHEREAS Black History Month is a chance to celebrate Black achievement, provide a reminder to take stock of where systemic racism persists, and give visibility to the people and organizations creating change.

WHEREAS the theme for 2023 is "Black Resistance" and explores how African Americans have resisted historic and ongoing oppression, in all forms since the nation's earliest days; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that we take note of the accomplishments, hardships, achievements, and struggles of Black Americans, and take time to celebrate the immeasurable contributions of the descendants of enslaved peoples in our neighborhoods, our township, our country, and our society.

NOW, THEREFORE, the College Township Council does hereby proclaim the month of February 2023 as Black History Month, and acknowledge the national theme of "Black Resistance." We would like to put emphasis on the importance of being an ally to marginalized communities for all 365 days in a year.

THIS PROCLAMATION AUTHORIZED THIS 2nd Day of March 2023, by the College Township Council, Centre County, Pennsylvania.

College Township Council

Carla Stilsen

ATTEST: Carla Stilsen, Chair

Adam T. Brumbaugh

Adam T. Brumbaugh, Township Secretary/Manager