COLLEGE TOWNSHIP,
CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

PROCLAMATION P-24-01

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 2024 is “African Americans and the Arts” and explores the key influence African Americans have had in the fields of “visual and performing arts, literature, fashion, folklore, language, film, music, architecture, culinary and other forms of cultural expression.”

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 2024 as Black History Month, and acknowledge the national theme of “African Americans and the Arts.” 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 15th Day of February, 2024, by the College Township Council, Centre County, Pennsylvania.

COLLEGE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

ATTEST:

Dustin Best, Chair

Adam T. Brumbaugh, Township Secretary/Manager