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WHEREAS, across the nation February is recognized as Black History Month, and, in 1976, the designation was formally adopted to honor and affirm its importance. It is imperative that we recognize the positive contributions to our community made by Black Americans as well as the struggles they have had to face; and

WHEREAS, this year our nation has had a reawakening to our racist past as well as the ways racism continues to inform and direct our actions today, even in ways that we cannot discern; and

WHEREAS, the community of Warrensburg held multiple peaceful demonstrations following the model set by the great Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King to proclaim that Black Lives Matter as well as our desire to work together for peace and justice; and

WHEREAS, from the determination, hard work, intelligence, and perseverance of members of this community, there have been valuable and lasting contributions in our schools, churches, social and economic institutions, and homes even in the face of segregation and discrimination; and

WHEREAS, during this month, all Americans are encouraged to reflect on past successes and injustices, look to the future, and continue to improve society so that we live up to the ideals of freedom, equality, and justice.

We have come a long way and yet we still have a long way to travel

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Bryan Jacobs, Mayor of Warrensburg, Missouri, along with other members of the Warrensburg City Council, urge all our citizens to work toward creating a community in which Black Americans are respected and recognized for their past, present, and future contributions to our community, the state, the country, and the world.

Dated

Cindy Gabel, City Clerk

Bryan Jacobs, Mayor
Scott Holmberg, Chairman Pro Term
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Casey Lund, Council Member
Jim Kushner, Council Member