



## PROCLAMATION

### 2023 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**, observing Black History Month provides opportunities to gain a deeper understanding of African American history and acknowledge the centuries of struggles for equality and freedom; and

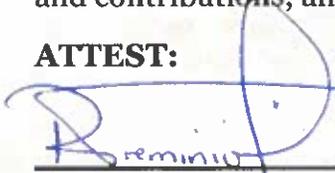
**WHEREAS**, Black History Month also celebrates the achievements and contributions that African Americans have made in shaping our country, society, and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, every year, the [Association for the Study of African American Life and History](#) sets a theme for *Black History Month*, and the theme for 2023 is, "**Black Resistance**"; and

**WHEREAS** this year's Black History Month theme explores the complexity and dynamic of African American families and their stories throughout history; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Rocio Treminio-Lopez, Mayor of Brentwood, Maryland, do hereby proclaim February 2023 as **BLACK HISTORY MONTH** and encourage everyone to observe this month by acknowledging the history and challenges faced by African Americans and paying tribute to this community for its strength, perseverance, character, and contributions, all of which enrich our lives.

**ATTEST:**

  
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Rocio Treminio-Lopez, Mayor

  
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Giselle Richards, Town Clerk



Tuesday, February 1, 2023