



Medford City Council
Medford, Massachusetts

MEETING DATE

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AGENDA ITEM

26-038 - Resolution to Recognize and Celebrate Black History Month

FULL TEXT AND DESCRIPTION

Whereas, February is recognized nationwide as Black History Month, a time to honor the history, resilience, and achievements of Black Americans; and

Whereas, Black Americans have shaped our nation and our Commonwealth through leadership in civic life, education, labor, arts, business, science, and the ongoing pursuit of justice and equality; and

Whereas, Medford's own history includes the long-standing Black community of West Medford, whose residents have built institutions, sustained cultural traditions, and strengthened the civic life of our city across generations; and

Whereas, Medford's early history includes the enslavement of Black individuals, including those connected to the Brooks Estate, and acknowledging this history is essential to telling a full and honest story of our city; and

Whereas, today Black Americans — including immigrants and families from across the African diaspora — continue to shape Medford's neighborhoods, schools, houses of worship, small businesses, arts, and public life; and

Whereas, Black history is American history, and its recognition strengthens our shared understanding of our past and our collective responsibility for a more just and inclusive future;

Be it Resolved that the Medford City Council recognizes Black History Month and celebrates the contributions of Black residents — past and present — to the life of our city; and

Be it Further Resolved that the City recommits itself to advancing equity, opportunity, and belonging for all members of our community.

RECOMMENDATION

FISCAL IMPACT

ATTACHMENTS

None