

Executive summary

Title: Proclamation observing Black History Month

Recommended action: Mayor to read proclamation observing Black History Month

Policy consideration: None.

Summary: Black History Month is observed annually in the United States in February to officially recognize and honor the history, leadership and countless contributions of Black people in the United States and across the world. This celebration started from a “Negro History Week” celebration in 1926 by Dr. Carter G. Woodson, a Harvard scholar, and spread across schools, then college campuses, and grew into a month-long observance that became federally recognized in 1976. 2026 marks 100 years of national commemorations of Black history as it continues to be one of the most recognized cultural heritage months in the United States.

Financial or budget considerations: None.

Strategic priority consideration: St. Louis Park is committed to being a leader in racial equity and inclusion in order to create a more just and inclusive community for all.

Supporting documents: Proclamation
Resource page

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Resource page

In observance of 100 years of Black History Month, the City of St. Louis Park invites you to:
Learn about Black history in Minnesota and the United States.

- [Journey of Black History Month | National Museum of African American History and Culture](#)
- [Black history sites in Minnesota | MPR News](#)
- [Minnesota's Black Pioneers | TPT Originals](#)

Explore local events in honor of Black History Month

- [Celebrate Black History Month in Minneapolis | Meet Minneapolis | Meet Minneapolis](#)
- [Events – Minnesota African American Heritage Museum and Gallery](#)



Proclamation "Black History Month"

Whereas, Black History Month started as a way to gain rightful recognition for the significant importance Black people hold in American history; and

Whereas, Black Americans have made significant contributions to the nation's culture, politics, workforce, medicine, science, economic, business, education, arts and legacy that have too often been overlooked and undermined; and

Whereas, this history includes the courageous work led by Black people for the advancement of civil rights despite the consequences of challenging long-standing racist laws and beliefs. Their efforts ensured protections from discrimination based on a person's skin color; rights that we continue to defend today; and

Whereas, St. Louis Park celebrates Juneteenth annually to recognize and acknowledge the end of slavery and honoring the Black/African American history of freedom, resilience and ongoing pursuit of justice; and

Whereas, St. Louis Park residents, businesses and visitors are encouraged to learn about the continued legacy of Black History Month,

Now therefore let it be known that the mayor and city council of the City of St. Louis Park, Minnesota, hereby proclaim February 2026 as Black History Month in our community.



Wherefore, I set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the City of St. Louis Park to be affixed this 2nd of February 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nadia M.", written over a horizontal line.

Nadia Mohamed, mayor