

Borough of Lansdowne
12 East Baltimore Avenue
Lansdowne, PA 19050

Resolution 2021-05

Resolution Honoring February as Black History Month

Whereas, the concept of Black History Month originated in 1926 from the work of noted historian Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African-American leaders to develop “Negro History Week” to honor the achievements and contributions of African-Americans in America; and,

Whereas, in 1976, then-President Gerald R. Ford expanded the celebration of African-American achievement to a month and urged Americans to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every endeavor throughout our history”; and,

Whereas, Black History Month is sponsored by the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), and is observed the entire month of February. And, the ASALH has selected the 2021 Black History theme as “The Black Family: Representation, Identity, and Diversity.” The Black family has been a topic of study in many disciplines – history, literature, the visual arts and film studies, sociology, anthropology, and social policy – for exploring the African American past and present; and,

Whereas, all Lansdowne Borough residents should pay tribute to the contributions and achievements of the past generations and celebrate the rich legacy of African-American residents in Lansdowne, in Delaware County, and in the Greater Philadelphia Area; and,

Whereas, the National Black History Month is an opportunity to educate the community about the stories of African-American residents in Lansdowne and contributions of African-Americans to building the community of Lansdowne, the Greater Philadelphia community, and the United States; and,

Whereas, the Borough of Lansdowne seeks to recognizes the cultures of the many cultural groups and inhabitants of Lansdowne and African-Americans have been an integral part of the history and culture of Lansdowne since its incorporation; and,

Whereas, the Borough of Lansdowne respects and preserves the history of all of the many contributors to the preservation of Lansdowne and the United States; and,

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved by Lansdowne Borough Council that Lansdowne celebrates February 2021, as National Black History Month and that it calls upon all Lansdowne residents observe this month with programs, celebrations, ceremonies and activities recognizing the amazing and everlasting efforts and accomplishments of African-Americans in Lansdowne Borough, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, and the United States. And Lansdowne Borough Council solicits stories, essays, and pictures on the theme of “The Black Family: Representation, Identity, and Diversity” for possible publication in our newsletter and social media.

Adopted by the Borough of Lansdowne, County of Delaware, Pennsylvania, this 3rd day of February, 2021.


Benjamin D. Hover, Council President

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Craig Totaro, Assistant Borough Secretary