

## **Proclamation**

### **Black History Month 2025**

**Whereas**, each year, the United States observes Black History Month (also known as African American History Month) by celebrating the culture, heritage, and countless contributions by Blacks or African Americans and recognizing their central role in U.S. history; and

**Whereas**, the most current population of Adams County is approximately 3.5% Black or African American; and

**Whereas**, what began in 1926 as Negro History Week under the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History was expanded by President Gerald Ford in 1976 to a month-long celebration, officially recognized by Congress in 1986, with Black History Month now celebrated every February; and

**Whereas**, this year's theme, "African Americans and Labor," explores how work, both paid and unpaid, has shaped the collective experiences of Black people. It highlights the transformational impact of Black labor in agriculture, education, entrepreneurship, and organized movements. This theme celebrates the profound contributions of Black workers throughout U.S. history and the diaspora.

**Whereas**, Blacks or African Americans continue their rich history of significant and diverse contributions to the cultural, educational, economic, and political vitality of Adams County.

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved**, that the Board of Commissioners, of the County of Adams, State of Colorado, does hereby proclaim February 2025 as

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and encourages all residents to honor the rich diversity of the Black or African American community and celebrate the many ways they contribute to our nation and society.

*In witness whereof, we have set our hands and caused the seal of the county to be affixed February 11, 2025.*