



EL PASO COUNTY  
STATE OF TEXAS

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RESOLUTION



*WHEREAS, Black History Month was established to honor the remarkable achievements, contributions, and sacrifices of African Americans throughout history and reflect on the role of African Americans in shaping our community in El Paso and the world; and*

*WHEREAS, the 2025 Black History Month theme, "African Americans and Labor," highlights the profound ways in which all forms of work—free and unfree, skilled and unskilled, vocational and voluntary—have shaped the collective experiences of Black people; and*

*WHEREAS, El Paso's storied history includes the trailblazing legacy of John and Mary Woods, the first noted African American entrepreneurs in both El Paso and Juárez, whose courage and perseverance in the early 20th century helped forge vital economic and cultural connections between our two cities; and*

*WHEREAS, the greater El Paso area is home to over 24,000 African American residents, whose enduring contributions continue to shape our community and beyond, influencing art, music, science, business, and politics, and inspiring progress, unity, and resilience for future generations; and*

*WHEREAS, community landmarks such as the McCall Neighborhood Center and the El Paso Museum of History, a city-operated institution, offer a vivid portrayal of the experiences and contributions of African American residents, playing a vital role in preserving and sharing their stories; and*

*WHEREAS, initiatives and organizations like Amplify El Paso, Black El Paso Voice, The Black Roundtable, and the El Paso Black Business Network serve as vital pillars of support, offering resources, opportunities, and lessons in perseverance and solidarity to stimulate growth and empowerment for the Black community in El Paso.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the County Judge and Commissioners Court that the month of **February 2025** be celebrated as **Black History Month** in El Paso County, Texas.*

***SIGNED,** this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025*

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*Commissioner Jackie Butler, Pct. 1*

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*Commissioner David C. Stout, Pct. 2*

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*Commissioner Iliana Holguin, Pct. 3*

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*Commissioner Sergio Coronado, Pct. 4*

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*Ricardo A. Samaniego, County Judge*