

ADDENDUM

MARTINSVILLE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

January 24, 2017

7:30 pm – REGULAR SESSION ADDENDUM

1. Read a Proclamation acknowledging February, 2017 as Black History Month.

Date: January 24, 2017

Item No: Addendum 1

Department: City Council

Issue: Read a Proclamation acknowledging February, 2017 as Black History Month.

Summary: Since 1976, the month of February has been observed as Black History Month. A Proclamation is attached acknowledging this and bringing awareness to the importance of African American history and culture in our community.

Attachments: Proclamation

Recommendations: No action by Council needed - the Mayor will read the Proclamation.



Proclamation

RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY, 2017 AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN THE CITY OF MARTINSVILLE

WHEREAS, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, distinguished African American author, editor, scholar, and historian who is known as the “Father of Black History” founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (now the Association for the Study of African American Life and History) in September, 1915, and Negro History Week in 1926, which became Black History Month in 1976, intended to encourage further research and publishing regarding African American heritage; and

WHEREAS, Americans of African descent have made valuable and lasting contributions to our country, our state, and our local community, achieving exceptional success in all aspects of society including business, education, politics, science, arts ; and

WHEREAS, in 1976 Black History Month was adopted to honor and affirm the importance of the history of African Americans and to focus on the stories and teachings of those who helped build our nation, advance the cause of civil rights and strengthen families and communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Martinsville continues to work toward building an inclusive community that lives up to the American ideal of equality of educational, social, and economic opportunity for all our citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gene Teague, Mayor, and members of Martinsville City Council do hereby proclaim the month of February, 2017 as Black History Month in the City of Martinsville and we urge all citizens to join in celebrating the significance of African American culture in its past, present, and future.

Gene Teague, Mayor