

# Avondale



## PROCLAMATION

As we celebrate Black History Month, we are celebrating the many generations of African Americans who have shaped and strengthened the fabric of our city, our state, our nation, and have enriched every aspect of our global identity.

As we reflect upon the significant contributions of the African American community over the years, it is also important to understand the many accomplishments that were made amid undue hardships, inequality, and extreme forms of racism and violence.

While Black History Month initially began as Negro History Week, started by Carter B. Woodson in 1925, it is appropriate to celebrate the outstanding and often overlooked contributions and achievements of such a strong community of people throughout each year.

The City of Avondale recognizes the enrichments of African Americans to the West Valley's rich heritage and success through the many impressions of those who came before us and those who live here now. We celebrate our city's diversity and recognize that we must all work together to keep the American Dream alive.

Black History Month honors and affirms the importance of African American History throughout our nation.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Kenneth Weise, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Avondale, Arizona, do hereby proclaim February 2021 as Black History Month in Avondale and urge all residents to celebrate the rich heritage, immense strength and substantial contributions of the African American community today and everyday as we continue our efforts to support the principles of justice and equality for a more equitable society for all.

Handwritten signature of Kenneth Weise in blue ink.

Mayor

Handwritten signature of the City Clerk in blue ink.

ATTEST:

City Clerk