

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** February is recognized nationally as Black History Month, a time to honor and celebrate the countless contributions and achievements of African Americans in shaping the history, culture, and progress of our nation; and
- WHEREAS,** African Americans have played an integral role in the development and growth of Dothan, Alabama, contributing to its economic, cultural, and social fabric through education, business, faith, civic leadership, and the arts; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Dothan acknowledges the importance of highlighting the struggles, resilience, and triumphs of African Americans, from the era of slavery and segregation to the ongoing fight for equity, inclusion, and justice; and
- WHEREAS,** this year's theme, "*Black History Excellence*," encourages us to reflect on the rich legacy of Black pioneers, innovators, and leaders from Dothan and beyond, while inspiring the next generation to strive for excellence in all endeavors; and
- WHEREAS,** celebrating Black History Month in Dothan fosters greater understanding, unity, and pride in our diverse community, while serving as a reminder of the work that remains to achieve equity and opportunity for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Saliba, Mayor of the City of Dothan and in such capacity, do hereby proclaim February, 2026 as

"BLACK HISTORY MONTH"

in the City of Dothan and call upon our citizens, schools, businesses, and organizations to participate in activities and events that honor and celebrate the contributions of African Americans to our community and the nation.

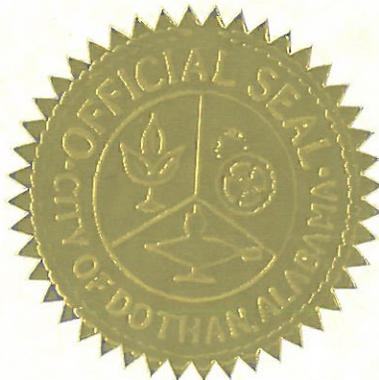
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Dothan reaffirms its commitment to promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion as guiding principles in the advancement of our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Dothan to be affixed this the 3rd day of February, 2026.

SEAL

Attest:

Wendy Shiver
City Clerk



Mark Saliba
Mayor