



Proclamation

Recognizing February 2025 as Black History Month in the Village of Simpson

WHEREAS, each year, Black History Month is observed in February; and

WHEREAS, the origins of Black History Month date back to 1915 when Dr. Carter G. Woodson founded the organization known today as the Association for the Study of African American Life and History; and

WHEREAS, observing Black History Month provides opportunities to gain a deeper understanding of African American history and acknowledge the centuries of struggles for equality and freedom; and


WHEREAS, Black History Month also celebrates the achievements and contributions that African Americans have made in shaping our country, society, and communities; and

WHEREAS, every year, the Association for the Study of African American Life and History sets a theme for Black History Month, and the theme for 2025 is “African Americans and Labor”; and

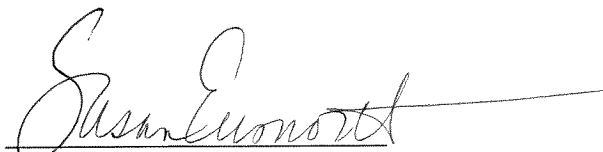
WHEREAS, this year’s Black History Month focuses on the various and profound ways that work and working of all kinds – free and unfree, skilled, and unskilled, vocational and voluntary – intersect with the collective experiences of Black people. “African Americans and Labor” intends to encourage broad reflections on intersections between Black people’s work and their workplaces in all their iterations and key moments, themes, and events in Black history and culture across time and space and throughout the U.S., Africa, and the Diaspora.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Council members of the Village of Simpson, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 2025 as Black History Month and encourage everyone to observe this month by acknowledging the history and challenges faced by African Americans, and paying tribute to this community for its strength, perseverance, character, and contributions, all of which enrich our lives.

ADOPTED this 10th day of February 2025.


Rich C Zeck, Mayor

Attest


Susan Ellsworth, Village Clerk