

# ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

# Proclamation

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## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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

**WHEREAS**, Black History Month seeks to highlight Black history and is designed to recognize and pay tribute to the many contributions of Black Americans to the history, society, and culture of the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, the celebration of Black Americans' contributions to our history began in 1926 with Negro History week, and each year since 1976, February has been designated Black History Month in our nation, and the President of the United States has proclaimed the month of February to be Black History Month; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout history, factors such as slavery, inequality, poverty, and racism have impacted the wellness of black and brown people in our society as well as their access to care; and

**WHEREAS**, the theme for Black History Month 2022 is *Black Health and Wellness* and Black communities must look to the past to provide the light for their future by embracing the rituals, traditions, and healing modalities of their ancestors while utilizing initiatives to help decrease disparities that have centered on several outcomes, including having more diverse practitioners and representation in all segments of the medical and healthcare fields;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Katie Cristol, Chair of the County Board in Arlington, Virginia, do hereby proclaim February 2022, as

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in Arlington County and call upon the residents and employees of the County to observe this occasion by recognizing the contributions of Black Americans to our society in general and to Arlington County in particular.



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Katie Cristol  
Chair