

CITY OF KINSTON

Office of the Mayor



Proclamation

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2026

WHEREAS, the City of Kinston City Council takes pride in joining Americans throughout the country in recognizing February 2026 as Black History Month; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month pays tribute to the contributions that African Americans have made to American history in their struggles for freedom and equality, and deepens understanding of our shared history; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme "A Century of Black History Commemorations" celebrates that what began as a weeklong observance of Black contributions to history and modern culture in 1926 has, over time, become the Black History Month we know today; and

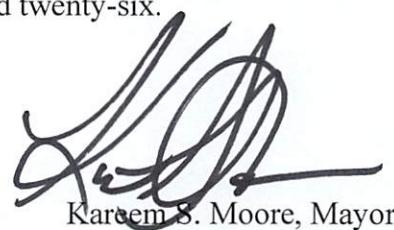
WHEREAS, Inequality and injustice still linger in our cities, states, and country, and it should be the aspiration and responsibility of every citizen to advance the American ideals of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all. We encourage all to recognize and confront continuing issues by eliminating barriers with fearlessness and determination to empower Black people to promote and protect their health, wellness, current endeavors, and history; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kinston is proud to honor the history, contributions, and achievements of the Black community locally, nationally, and globally. We uplift our Black community leaders, educators, business owners, professionals, and all others who promote wellbeing and knowledge throughout the many facets of the Black community as part of our community. We remain committed to honoring mutual respect as the fundamental principles of the the City of Kinstson, and work to promote these core values throughout our community. NOW, THEREFORE, we, the City of Kinston City Council, hereby proclaim February 1st through February 28th, 2026, as

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in the City of Kinston, NC, and encourage all residents to observe this month through appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Kinston to be affixed this the 3rd day of February, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty-six.

A black ink signature of Kareem S. Moore, Mayor of Kinston. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the name "Kareem S. Moore" written in a larger, more formal font below the signature line.

Kareem S. Moore, Mayor