

**PROCLAMATION**  
**Recognizing Black History Month**

**WHEREAS**, Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in U.S. history; and

**WHEREAS**, Black History Month was preceded by the establishment of Negro History Week by Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of African American Life and History in 1926; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2025 theme for 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; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Dunellen recognizes the contributions of African Americans to our Borough, County, State, and Country and reinforces our commitment to be a community of opportunity and hope for every citizen; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Dunellen celebrates its rich cultural and ethnic diversity – respecting each of our neighbors, friends, family members, and business owners based on the content of their character; and

**WHEREAS**, our community is better because of the diversity of our population.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Mayor Jason F. Cilento, and the Dunellen Borough Council recognize February as Black History Month in the Borough of Dunellen and encourage residents to join us in celebrating and honoring the history and culture of the African American community throughout this month.

Signed on the 3rd day of February 2025

  
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**Jason F. Cilento, Mayor**  
**Borough of Dunellen, NJ**