

**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 2026 theme for Black History Month, “A Century of Black History Commemorations,” which highlights the evolution of Black history, from a week-long celebration to a month-long, global recognition of Black life, culture, and, critically, the ongoing efforts to protect, teach, and center Black history amidst modern challenges; 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, I**, that I, Mayor Jason F. Cilento, along with the support of the Dunellen Borough Council, do hereby 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 2nd day of February 2026.

  
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Jason F. Cilento, Mayor  
Borough of Dunellen, NJ