



**PROCLAMATION
RECOGNIZING BLACK HISTORY MONTH – FEBRUARY, 2022
BLACK HEALTH AND WELLNESS**

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 past, 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, the theme for Black History Month 2022 is Black Health and Wellness to acknowledge the legacy of not only Black scholars and medical practitioners in Western medicine, but also other ways of knowing throughout the African Diaspora; and

WHEREAS, throughout black history, factors such as slavery, inequality, and poverty had put pressure on maintaining family ties, even when a better life often meant traveling far from home;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Derek Webb, Mayor for the Town of Abingdon, do hereby proclaim February 2022 as BLACK HISTORY MONTH in the Town of Abingdon and call upon our residents to observe this occasion by recognizing the contributions of Black Americans to our society in general and the Town of Abingdon in particular.



Mayor Derek Webb