

THE COUNTY AUDITOR'S SIGNATURE CERTIFIES
THAT THIS RESOLUTION HAS BEEN FORMALLY
APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON

DATE

SCOTT COUNTY AUDITOR

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February 20, 2020

Recognizing February as Black History Month

WHEREAS, in 1976, as Americans celebrated the national bicentennial, President Gerald Ford urged the nation to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history” and, for the first time, Black History Month was celebrated nationwide; and

WHEREAS, President Ford’s words rang true to the nation, and in that spirit, decades later, we stop to recognize and celebrate the incredible roles African Americans have played in American history, and their many contributions to the wellbeing of our country; and

WHEREAS, the theme of this year’s observance, “African Americans and the Vote,” coincides with the 150th anniversary of the 15th Amendment, which gave African American men the right to vote. This Amendment to the Constitution, ratified in 1870, prohibits the government from denying or abridging a citizen’s right to vote based on “race, color, or previous condition of servitude.”; and

WHEREAS, the strong and positive influence African Americans have had on Scott County began long ago and we have greatly benefited from the contributions of outstanding African American men and women who moved to Scott County; and

WHEREAS, this month we honor our African American friends and neighbors, their accomplishments and contributions, and together we celebrate the distinct influence they have on the cultural fabric of Scott County.

BE IT RESOLVED BY the Scott County Board of Supervisors as follows:

Section 1. That the Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim February 2020 as Black History Month in Scott County and encourages all citizens to recognize the continuing impact African Americans have in our county and the lasting contributions they bring to the success of our community.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.