

**CITY OF NIXA
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
STATE OF MISSOURI**

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, In 1976, as part of the nation's bicentennial, Black History Week, which began in 1926, was expanded to become Black History Month; and

WHEREAS, during Black History Month, we celebrate the many achievements and contributions made by African Americans to our communities as well as have an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of African American history; and

WHEREAS, the City of Nixa continues to work toward becoming an inclusive community in which all citizens – past, present, and future – are respected and recognized for their contributions and potential contributions to our community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Nixa has implemented multiple steps within its strategic plan to bring diversity and inclusion initiatives to the City. Such initiatives include the Listen. Encourage. Advocate. Demonstrate (L.E.A.D) events; and

WHEREAS, the observance of Black History Month calls our Nation's attention to the continued need to battle racism and to build a society that lives up to its democratic ideals; and

WHEREAS, the City of Nixa is proud to honor the history and contributions of African Americans in our community,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Brian Steele, Mayor of the City of Nixa, Missouri, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2022, as

"Black History Month"

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Nixa, this 24th day of January 2022.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk