



*Proclamation
of the City of Foster City, California*

Recognizing February 2024 as “Black History Month”

WHEREAS, this month, we pay homage to the rich history and contributions of African Americans who have shaped our nation in innumerable ways. **Black History Month** rightfully centers the struggles and triumphs of African Americans to tell a fuller story of America and the diverse communities that built it; and

WHEREAS, the theme for 2024 focuses on African Americans and the Arts. African American art is infused with African, Caribbean, and the Black American lived experiences; and

WHEREAS, in the fields of visual and performing arts, literature, fashion, folklore, language, film, music, architecture, culinary and other forms of cultural expression, the African American influence has been paramount; and

WHEREAS, African American artists have used art to preserve history and community memory as well as for empowerment; and

WHEREAS, artistic and cultural movements such as the New Negro, Black Arts, Black Renaissance, hip-hop, and Afrofuturism, have been led by people of African descent and set the standard for popular trends around the world; and

WHEREAS, in the face of wounds and obstacles older than our Nation itself, Black Americans can be seen in every part of our society today, strengthening and uplifting all of America; and

WHEREAS, this **Black History Month**, let us draw inspiration and courage from the artists and heroes who came before us, as we continue the work towards fairness in every aspect of life – health care, housing, education, criminal justice and more.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PATRICK SULLIVAN, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FOSTER CITY, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL, officially recognize February 2024 as “**Black History Month**”, honor the great and necessary work by Black Americans who have and continue to improve our country, state, and city, and encourage all residents to celebrate, learn, and respect Black heritage and culture while maintaining efforts to create a more just, peaceful, and prosperous world for all.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the official seal of the City of Foster City to be affixed this fifth day of February, two thousand twenty-four, A.D.

PATRICK SULLIVAN, MAYOR

