

## Black History Month 2022 Proclamation



**WHEREAS**, during Black History Month, we celebrate the many achievements and contributions made by African Americans to our economic, cultural, spiritual, and political development; and

**WHEREAS**, Black History Month grew out of the establishment, in 1926, of Negro History Week by Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of African American Life and History; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2022 national theme for observance is **Black Health and Wellness**. This focus will celebrate the contributions and breakthroughs of Black professionals as well as speaking to the cultural richness of those “non-traditional” health and wellness practitioners; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Manville 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, the State, the County, and the World; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Manville is proud to honor the history and contributions of African Americans in our community, throughout our state, and Nation.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I Richard M. Onderko, Mayor of the Borough of Manville, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey along with the Council hereby proclaim February 2022 as **Black History Month** and encourage all citizens to celebrate our diverse heritage and culture and continue our efforts to create a world that is more just, peaceful, and prosperous for all.

Borough of Manville

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard M. Onderko".

Richard M. Onderko, Mayor

Councilman Branden Agans  
Council President Joseph A. Lukac, III  
Councilwoman Barbara Madak

Councilwoman Suzanne Maeder  
Councilman Ted Petrock  
Councilman Stephen Szabo

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