

*Office of the Mayor
Township of Bordentown*

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Black History Month grew out of “Negro History Week”, which was created in 1926 by Historian, Carter G. Woodson and by other prominent African Americans becoming a month long celebration beginning in 1976 and since then every United States President recognized February as Black History Month; and

WHEREAS, this month is used to remember important contributions and achievements of African Americans throughout our nation’s history and it is celebrated nationally and worldwide and was chosen to coincide with Frederick Douglas and Abraham Lincoln’s birthdays; and

WHEREAS, a group of African American leaders joined together to form a new Civil Rights organization which is the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on February 12, 1901 and chose that date because it was the centennial anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln and in 2009 marked the NAACP 100th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, this month celebrates many amazing people who made a significant contribution to our country such as Thurgood Marshall, Supreme Court Justice, (1st African American to be appointed to the united States Supreme Court), George Washington Carver, Eminent Scientist who developed 300 derivative products from peanuts, Shirley Chisholm, (1st African American woman elected to the House of Representatives in 1968 representing the state of New York) and Hattie McDaniel in 1940 was the (1st African American Academy Award performer), who was an Oscar Winner for her portrayal of a loyal slave governess in the motion picture, Gone with the Wind.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, I, Steve Benowitz, Mayor, of the Township of Bordentown, County of Burlington and State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim and recognize the outstanding achievements that are celebrated and highlighted especially during Black History Month in February and encourage the educators, librarians, public officials and residents of our township to observe February with participating in appropriate programs and ceremonies that reflect their accomplishments.




STEVE BENOWITZ
MAYOR