

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-08

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE
COUNTY OF SUMMIT
STATE OF COLORADO**

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 2024 AS “BLACK HISTORY MONTH”
IN SUMMIT COUNTY, COLORADO.**

WHEREAS, in 1915, Dr. Carter Goodwin Woodson, noted black scholar and son of former enslaved individuals, founded the Association for the Study of African American Life and History to disseminate information about black life, history, and culture to the global community; and

WHEREAS, in 1926, Dr. Woodson initiated the celebration of Negro History Week, which corresponded with the birthdays of Frederick Douglas and Abraham Lincoln; and

WHEREAS, in 1976 the Association pushed to expand the celebration to the entire month of February, and today Black History Month garners support throughout the country as all people of all ethnic and social backgrounds discuss the experience of being black in America, and

WHEREAS, during Black History Month, we recognize and celebrate the many contributions and achievements made by Black Americans to Colorado and the United States’ economic, cultural, spiritual, and political development; and

WHEREAS, the national theme for the observance of Black History Month in 2024 is “African Americans and the Arts”; and

WHEREAS, African Americans and the Arts theme acknowledges the many impacts Black Americans have had on visual arts, music, cultural movements, and more; and

WHEREAS, African American artists have used art to preserve history and for empowerment; and

WHEREAS, in celebrating African American arts we acknowledge the richness of the contributions of Black artists ; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners (the “Board”) recognizes that racism, social disparities, and inequities are an area of concern for the residents of and visitors to Summit County; and

WHEREAS, the Boards re-commits to better understand and address inequity within our community through collaboration with a diverse group of community leaders; and

WHEREAS, the Board will further seek opportunities to become an inclusive community in which all citizens are respected and recognized for their contributions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF SUMMIT, STATE OF COLORADO, designates February 2024 as Black History Month in Summit County, Colorado.

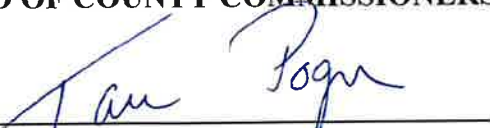
ADOPTED THIS 23rd DAY OF JANUARY, 2024.

**COUNTY OF SUMMIT
STATE OF COLORADO
BY AND THROUGH ITS
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

ATTEST:


Taryn Power, Clerk & Recorder





Tanya Pogue, Chair