

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, February has been designated as African American History Month and will be observed and celebrated in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, this observance increases our awareness and knowledge of African American History and honors the many leaders and their contributions to our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, this month-long celebration provides us with an opportunity to promote a spirit of unity and embrace the diversity that has strengthened our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the diverse cultural heritage of the United States of America has created the society that exists today; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important to recognize the contributions that African Americans have made to American history in their struggles for freedom and equality in order to deepen our understanding of our Nation's history; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, the son of formerly enslaved parents and the second Black person to receive a Ph.D. from Harvard University launched the first Negro History Week 100 years ago in 1926; and

**WHEREAS**, annually since 1976 the President of the United States of America has declared the month of February as African American History Month, and our nation celebrates the impact that African Americans have made.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Antonio V. Arserio, Mayor of the City of Margate, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2026, as

## AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand  
and caused the official seal of the City of Margate to be  
affixed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.

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ANTONIO V. ARSERIO, MAYOR