

**Village of Arlington Heights Proclamation
In Recognition of
Black History Month
February 2024**

WHEREAS, during Black History Month, we honor the extraordinary contributions made by African Americans throughout the history of our Republic, and we renew our commitment to liberty and justice for all;

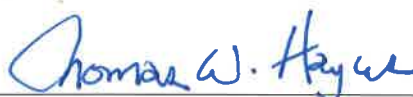
WHEREAS, during Black History Month we recognize the achievements of African Americans and their role in shaping history along with the contributions that African Americans have made to enhance the economic, cultural, spiritual and political development of our country;

WHEREAS, this year's theme is "African Americans and the Arts". African American art is infused with African, Caribbean and the Black American lived experiences. In celebrating the entire history of African Americans and the arts, the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, at www.asalh.org, puts into the national spotlight the richness of the past and present with an eye towards what the rest of the twenty-first century will bring;

WHEREAS, the theme for this year considers performing arts, literature, fashion, folklore, language, film, music, architecture, culinary and other forms of cultural expression;

WHEREAS, during Black History Month, we recognize the essential role of African Americans in shaping the story of America and honor their courage and contributions;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Thomas W. Hayes, Mayor of the Village of Arlington Heights, along with the Arlington Heights Village Board of Trustees, do hereby proclaim February 2024 as **Black History Month** in the Village of Arlington Heights, and urge all our citizens to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.



Thomas W. Hayes, Mayor

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