



# Proclamation

*Whereas, National African American History Month first originated in 1926 as part of an initiative by writer and educator Dr. Carter G. Woodson to recognize the heritage and achievements of African Americans and to enhance knowledge about African American history; and*

*Whereas, the national theme for Black History Month in 2025 is "African Americans and Labor," focusing on the significant role that work, in all its forms, has played in the collective experiences of Black people throughout history; and*

*Whereas, this theme aims to highlight how work, both free and unfree, skilled and unskilled, has been central to the Black American experience and how labor has shaped Black communities, identities, and struggles for social justice; and*

*Whereas, in celebrating the entire history of African Americans, the Borough places into the national spotlight the wide-ranging contributions to the history of the United States with an eye towards what the rest of the twenty-first century will bring.*

*Now therefore, I, Ronald Jubin, Mayor of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, along with Members of the Council, do hereby recognize the month of February, 2025 as*

## **Black History Month**

*and call on the community to acknowledge the value African American community members add to the vibrancy and culture of our city.*

*Ronald Jubin, Ph.D. Mayor  
February 13, 2025*