



# PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** each February, Black History Month allows us to reflect on the proud and important history of Black Americans in our city and our country; and
- WHEREAS,** this month also presents us with the opportunity to educate our young people and celebrate with our neighbors the invaluable accomplishments and contributions of Black Americans; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Olathe and the State of Kansas are better because of the influence of Black Americans in education, science, art, culture, public service and economic development; and
- WHEREAS,** our community is dedicated to fostering an environment appreciative and inclusive of all our neighbors who have helped shape the history and direction of our nation.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, John Bacon, Mayor of the City of Olathe, do hereby proclaim February 2026

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

in Olathe, calling upon all residents to study and celebrate the history, heritage and impact of Black Americans in our community.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Olathe to be affixed this 3rd day of February, 2026.

John W. Bacon, Mayor

Brenda D. Swearingian, City Clerk