


City of Richmond
Proclamation
Richmond



**DECLARING FEBRUARY 2025 AS
BLACK HISTORY MONTH
IN THE CITY OF RICHMOND**

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond, California, recognizes February 2025 as Black History Month, a time to honor the rich history, culture, and contributions of African Americans; and

WHEREAS, African Americans have played a vital role in the history of Richmond, contributing significantly to its economic, cultural, and social development; and

WHEREAS, Richmond's history is deeply intertwined with the African American experience, from the migration of Black workers during World War II to work in the shipyards, significantly shaping the city's demographics and culture; and

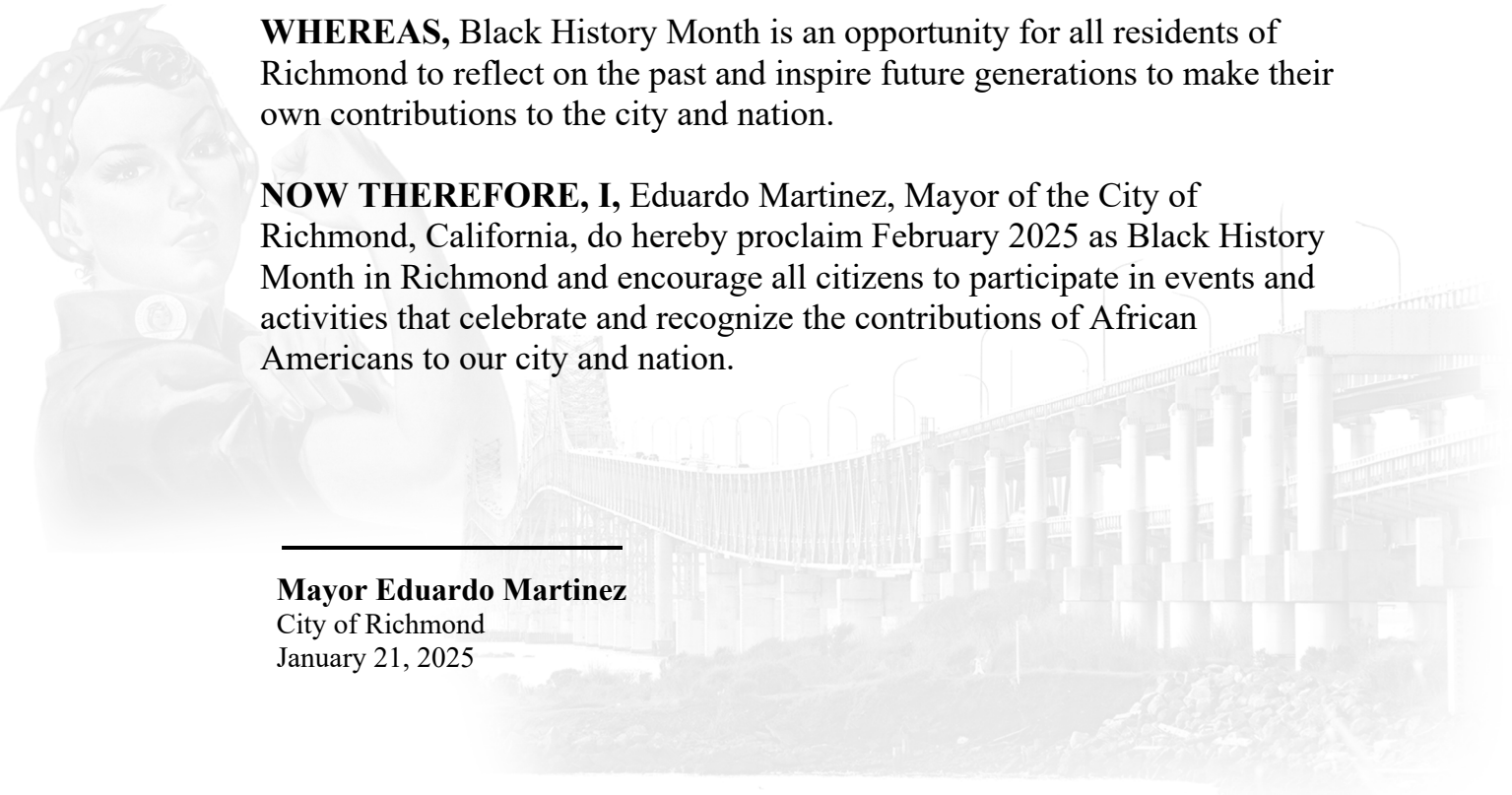
WHEREAS, the city acknowledges the historic struggles and achievements of African Americans, including overcoming barriers of segregation and discrimination to achieve greater equality and justice; and

WHEREAS, Richmond has been home to notable African Americans, such as Betty Reid Soskin, the oldest active ranger in the National Park Service and a vital storyteller of African American wartime experiences; and

WHEREAS, the city recognizes the importance of educating its citizens about the contributions of African Americans in Richmond and across the nation, fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation of their history and achievements; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month is an opportunity for all residents of Richmond to reflect on the past and inspire future generations to make their own contributions to the city and nation.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Eduardo Martinez, Mayor of the City of Richmond, California, do hereby proclaim February 2025 as Black History Month in Richmond and encourage all citizens to participate in events and activities that celebrate and recognize the contributions of African Americans to our city and nation.



Mayor Eduardo Martinez
City of Richmond
January 21, 2025