



Proclamation Recognizing February 2026 as Black History Month

WHEREAS, the County of Gilpin recognizes that people of African American heritage have played a vital role in the development of Central City, various churches, Lincoln Hills, and other aspects of the history of Gilpin County, surrounding communities, and the nation; and

WHEREAS, the County of Gilpin recognizes the fact that people of African American heritage are an integral part of the diversity of our County, the State of Colorado, and the nation; and

WHEREAS, Gilpin County is dedicated to opposing systemic racism towards people of color, which perpetuates higher rates of poverty and income inequality, and exacerbates disproportionate health, education, and social inequities; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month has been recognized by every United States President since 1976; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month is an annual celebration of the achievements of African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in United States history, Gilpin County strongly supports Black History Month as an opportunity to celebrate the cultures, contributions, and values of people of African American descent; and

WHEREAS, Gilpin County encourages all residents to acknowledge the historic contributions and sacrifices made by African Americans in the development of the County, the State, the Nation, and the world; and

WHEREAS, Gilpin County strongly encourages schools to include the teaching of African American history in their curricula and encourages businesses, organizations, and institutions to recognize Black History Month;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Gilpin County Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the month of February as Black History Month.

Adopted this 27th day of January, 2026.

Jeff Aiken, Commissioner

Susan Berumen, Chair

Sandy Hollingsworth, Commissioner