

## A PROCLAMATION

### TO RECOGNIZE BLACK HISTORY MONTH AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF BLACK CITIZENS TO WALHALLA

**WHEREAS**, a week was chosen in February of 1926 to celebrate Black History as it acknowledged the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln on Feb. 12 and of Frederick Douglass on Feb. 20, both of whom were recognized as champions of freedom and equality for all men; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1976 Black History Month was formally adopted to honor and affirm the importance of Black History throughout our American experience, which goes back thousands of years; and

**WHEREAS**, African Americans have been pivotal in the creation of a massive number of inventions and are recognized for achievements in agriculture, education, social services, public safety, health, business, fine arts, entertainment, science, politics, law, engineering, and technology; and

**WHEREAS**, Black history is not only a part of American history but also has an important place in Walhalla's history;

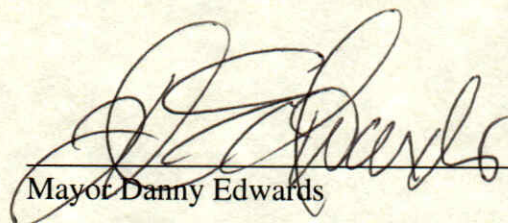
**WHEREAS**, Black Walhallans have owned and operated barber shops, beauty shops, butcher shops, cleaning services, childcare, teachers, tv repair, and served on Walhalla City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, during Black History Month all Walhallans are encouraged to reflect on past successes and challenged of African Americans and look to the future to continue to improve society so that we live up to the ideals of freedom, equality and justice

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Mayor Danny Edwards, proclaim February 2023 as Black History Month and encourage all citizens to learn about, support, and appreciate the successes and accomplishments made by Black Americans in Walhalla and abroad.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Walhalla, South Carolina to be affixed this Twenty First day of February, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Three.



  
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Mayor Danny Edwards