

**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 businesses that have contributed to the economic success of our city and served as leaders in our community, including on Walhalla City Council; and

WHEREAS, during Black History Month all Walhallans are encouraged to reflect on past successes and challenges 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 Tim Hall, proclaim February 2025 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 January, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Five.



Mayor Tim Hall