

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS  
**PROCLAMATION**

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH  
FEBRUARY 2026**

- WHEREAS,** Black History Month, observed each February, is a time to honor the rich history, culture, and contributions of Black Americans, who have played a pivotal role in shaping the fabric of our nation and local community; and
- WHEREAS,** the study and celebration of Black history are essential to understanding the enduring struggles, resilience, and achievements that have marked the journey toward equity and justice in our society; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Naperville maintains within its mission statement a commitment to create “an inclusive community that values diversity”; and
- WHEREAS,** recognizing Black History Month provides an opportunity not only to reflect on history, but also to recommit ourselves to the ongoing work of equity, inclusion, and mutual respect in Naperville; and
- WHEREAS,** Naperville Neighbors United exemplifies the spirit of unity and education by fostering dialogue, creating connections, and celebrating the diversity that enriches our community; and
- WHEREAS,** through initiatives, events, and conversations, Naperville Neighbors United continues to inspire individuals to engage in meaningful learning and to act toward creating an inclusive environment for all residents.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Scott Wehrli, Mayor of Naperville, do hereby recognize **Naperville Neighbors United** for its unwavering commitment to fostering unity and inclusivity and proclaim February 2026 as **Black History Month** in the City of Naperville

I encourage all residents to participate in this celebration, to learn about Black history and culture, and to contribute to building a community that values and uplifts its diversity.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Naperville on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2026.



Scott Wehrli, Mayor

