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## MOTION

**WE MOVE** that the City of Cincinnati, in recognition of the importance of Black History Month, acknowledges the essential impact of our African American city employees who have contributed to making our City a better place to call home.

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## Statement:

In 1976, President Gerald Ford recognized Black History Month, calling upon the public to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history." Forty-five years later, this month-long celebration continues to celebrate the richness of the diversity of our national and local culture. Cincinnati has benefited greatly from the participation of African Americans citizens. Many Mayors and Councilmembers, countless outstanding Public Servants in every department – often in leadership positions, numerous business leaders, community leaders, artists, musicians, professional sportspeople, of African-American origin, all have contributed to make our City a better place to call home.

As we remain mindful of the needs to continue to make progress toward a fairer Cincinnati, we need also to celebrate our achievements, and particularly recognize the contribution of our African American city employees.