

**BOROUGH OF BRADLEY BEACH**  
**A PROCLAMATION IN HONOR OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2024**

*WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bradley Beach takes pride in recognizing February 2024 as “Black History Month”, celebrating the many notable contributions that people of African descent have made to the state and the country; and*

*WHEREAS, African Americans have played significant roles in the history of economic, cultural, spiritual, and political development while working tirelessly to maintain and promote their culture and history; and*

*WHEREAS, since 1976, Black History Month was formally adopted to honor and affirm the importance of Black History throughout our American experience, which dates thousands of years and includes some of the greatest, most advanced and innovative societies that we can all draw inspiration from; and*

*WHEREAS, since 1976, every American President has designated February as “Black History Month” and endorsed a specific theme; and*

*WHEREAS, the theme for Black History Month 2024 focuses on African Americans and the arts and is infused with African, Caribbean, and Black American lived experiences; and*

*WHEREAS, in the fields of visual and performing arts, literature, fashion, folklore, language, film, music, architecture, culinary, and other forms of cultural expression the African American influence has been paramount; and*

*WHEREAS, because of their determination, hard work, and perseverance, African Americans have made valuable and lasting contributions to the country and state, achieving exceptional success in all aspects of society including business, education, politics, Science, athletics, and the arts; and*

*WHEREAS, this observance presents a special opportunity to become more knowledgeable about black heritage and to honor the many black leaders who have played a part in the progress of our community.*

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Governing Body of the Borough of Bradley Beach do hereby proclaim February 2024 as “Black History Month” in the Borough of Bradley Beach.*

*Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024.*