



*State of South Carolina*

## *Mayor's Proclamation*

**WHEREAS,** During Black History Month, we celebrate the many achievements and contributions made by African Americans to our economic, cultural, spiritual, and political development; and,

**WHEREAS,** Black History Month grew out of the establishment in 1926 of Negro History Week by Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of African American Life and History; and,

**WHEREAS,** In 1976, as part of the nation's bicentennial, Black History Week was expanded and became established as Black History Month, and is now celebrated all over North America; and,

**WHEREAS,** The 2022 national theme for the observance is "*Black Health and Wellness*," and focuses on the importance of Black Health and Wellness. This theme acknowledges the legacy of not only Black scholars and medical practitioners in Western medicine, but also other ways of knowing (e.g., birthworkers, doulas, midwives, naturopaths, herbalists, etc.) throughout the African Diaspora. The 2022 theme considers activities, rituals and initiatives that Black communities have utilized to be well.

**WHEREAS,** The observance of Black History Month calls our attention to the continued need to address racism and build a society that lives up to its democratic ideals; and,

**WHEREAS,** The City of Seneca continues to work toward becoming an inclusive community in which all citizens - past, present, and future - are respected and recognized for their contributions and potential contributions to our community, the state, the country, and the world; and,

**WHEREAS,** The City of Seneca is proud to honor the history and contributions of African Americans in our community, throughout our state, and nation; and,

**NOW THEREFORE,** as Mayor of the City of Seneca, I do hereby proclaim February 2022, as

### **"BLACK HISTORY MONTH"**

in Seneca and encourage all citizens to create a world that is more just, peaceful, and prosperous for all.

  
*Daniel W. Alexander*  
Mayor