

Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the history of Black History Month goes back to 1915 and was first celebrated in 1926, and

WHEREAS, in 1976 President Gerald Ford issued the first African American History Month proclamation, and

WHEREAS, National Black History Month serves as both as a celebration and as a powerful reminder that Black history is American history and Black culture is American culture, and

WHEREAS, understanding Black history is important to understanding our Nation, and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to acknowledge and celebrate the immeasurable contributions of Black Americans, honor the legacies and achievements of generations past, recognize past injustice and confront injustice that still fester today, and

WHEREAS, we are committed to advancing equity and racial justice, and

WHEREAS, an African American burying ground was recently discovered in New Milford that is believed to date back to well before 1883, and

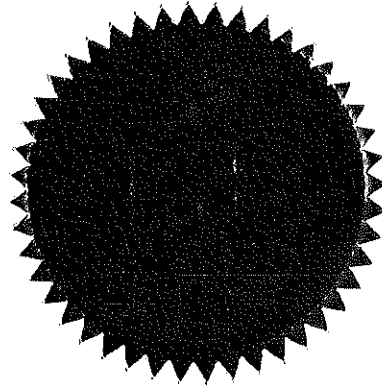
WHEREAS, we support the recognition and acknowledgement of the African American burying ground in which enslaved people were buried, and

WHEREAS, the Borough of New Milford wishes to honor the history and contributions of African Americans in our community, our state and our nation,

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor Michael Putrino, Mayor of the Borough of New Milford, proclaim February 2022 to be

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

and encourage all residents and businesses to celebrate our diverse heritage and culture and continue our efforts to create a world that is more just and more peaceful.





Mayor Michael J. Putrino