

City of Gonzales



State of Louisiana 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: The 2024 National Theme for the observance is "African Americans and the Arts". From visual and performing arts, literature, fashion, folklore, language, music and film, black artists have used their creative outlets to preserve and share their history and instill empowerment in their communities; and

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

WHEREAS: The City of Gonzales 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 Gonzales is proud to honor the history and contributions of African Americans in our community, throughout our state, and nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Timothy "Tim" Riley, Mayor of the City of Gonzales, Parish of Ascension, State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim February 2025 as:

"BLACK HISTORY MONTH"

I encourage all citizens to celebrate our diverse heritage and culture, and continue our efforts to create a world that is more just, peaceful, and prosperous for all.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused to be affixed the Official Seal of the City of Gonzales, Parish of Ascension, State of Louisiana, on this 10th day of February 2025.

Handwritten signature of Timothy "Tim" Riley in blue ink.

Timothy "Tim" Riley, Mayor-Administrator

ATTEST:

Handwritten signature of Brandon Boylan in blue ink.

Brandon Boylan, City Clerk

