



# OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE *Proclamation*



- WHEREAS** *we unite as Americans each February to honor the extraordinary resilience and achievements of Black people in America; and*
- WHEREAS** *we steadfastly acknowledge the complex history of our past, recognize the struggles, and celebrate the culture and contributions of the Black community who have shaped America; and*
- WHEREAS** *we acknowledge the unbearable human costs of systemic racism and direct the entire County of Ulster to advance equity for those who have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by persistent discrimination, poverty, and inequality, including the Black community; and*
- WHEREAS** *we increasingly face attempts to erase Black history from public memory, to distort factual evidence through the manipulation of data and disappearance of datasets and funding, to suppress institutions through pressure tactics: and,*
- WHEREAS** *we remain committed to the fight for equality and to eradicating racism in housing, lending, healthcare, education, and all systems to ensure justice for all people in Ulster County; and*
- WHEREAS** *we appreciate the diversity that continues to enhance our Nation while continuing to foster an environment that amplifies unheard voices; and*
- WHEREAS** *we acknowledge Black history is American history, which must be included in all facets of American life and celebrated all year long; and*

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Jen Metzger, Ulster County Executive, on this 2nd day of February 2026, am proud to honor the history of our Black communities and declare February 2026

## **BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

*and call upon the leadership and residents of Ulster County to celebrate this month with respect for the significant contributions to the American experience and the history of our Black communities.*



  
**THE HONORABLE JEN METZGER**  
ULSTER COUNTY EXECUTIVE