



**WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
PROCLAMATION  
Recognizing February 2019 as  
National Black History Month**

**WHEREAS**, African Americans have played and continue to play significant roles in the history and leadership of Wake County's economic, cultural, spiritual, social, health, educational, and political development while working tirelessly to maintain and honor their own culture and heritage; and,

**WHEREAS**, during Black History Month, all are encouraged to reflect on the past successes and challenges of African Americans, and to look to the future to build upon this heritage and continue to improve society so that we live up to the ideals of freedom, equity, respect, and justice; and,

**WHEREAS**, Wake County continues to have African Americans making history for our County, including:

- Current Wake County Board of Commissioner Chairwoman Jessica Holmes who is the youngest African American woman to wield the gavel;
- Current Wake County Commissioner James West, also a past Chair of the Board;
- And many other African American municipal, law enforcement, education, and community leaders,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Wake County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims **February 2019** as **BLACK HISTORY MONTH**, and urges the residents of our community, and communities across the country, to support this issue.

**ADOPTED** this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February 2019.

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Greg Ford, Vice Chairman  
Wake County Board of Commissioners