

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, the City of Falls Church wishes to honor the contributions of African Americans to our City and to our Nation, and recommit to reaching for a day when no person is judged by anything but the content of their character; and
- WHEREAS, observance of African American History month allows us to reflect on the sacrifices and contributions made by generations of African Americans; and
- WHEREAS, in 1915, the first rural branch of the NAACP was established on what is now the Tinner Hill Historic Site; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Falls Church takes great pride in the Tinner Hill Arch honoring Dr. Edwin B. Henderson, Mr. Joseph Tinner, and all of the men and women of Tinner Hill who were instrumental in the formation of the first rural branch of the NAACP; and
- WHEREAS, the Tinner Hill Heritage Foundation was founded in 1997 to preserve the early civil rights history of Falls Church, to honor local civil rights heroes, and to further the ideals for which they stood; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Falls Church continues to work closely with the Tinner Hill Foundation as a respected partner and a vital resource; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Falls Church wishes to continue our march toward a day when every person knows the unalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David Tarter, Mayor of the City of Falls Church, Virginia, do hereby proclaim February 2021 as

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

in the City of Falls Church and call on all of our citizens to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Falls Church, Virginia to be affixed this 1st day of February 2021.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Tarter". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

David Tarter, Mayor