



## Proclamation

### Proclaiming February 2022 As Black History Month In the City of Hastings, Minnesota

**WHEREAS**, Black History Month is celebrated to raise awareness of African American accomplishments and contributions to our society, AND

**WHEREAS**, African Americans are part of Minnesota's story, from before it was a territory to the present, AND

**WHEREAS**, George Daniels was an enslaved African American man who freed himself during the Civil War by crossing battle lines to join Union troops. In the process, he and Brevet Brigadier General LeDuc became acquainted and built a strong, trusting relationship. Daniels moved to Hastings where he lived and worked alongside LeDuc, married Chloe Hudson, and started a family, AND

**WHEREAS**, the story of George and Chloe Daniels is not unique and represents other African American families that found their way to the Hastings area following the Civil War, AND

**WHEREAS**, In the early 1890's, the Curry and Wallace families organized other African American community members to establish Brown's Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, which served as the center of religious and social activities for African Americans in the area from 1892 to 1907, AND

**WHEREAS**, recent Census data show that the number of African American residents in Hastings has increased by 51.2% in the past decade, Hastings continues to strive for racial equity to provide a healthy community for all, and the City Council has made diversity, equity, and inclusion an important initiative among its Strategic Priorities, AND

**WHEREAS**, the importance of observing Black History Month in the City of Hastings is to acknowledge, recognize and welcome people of African descent and their contributions to the City of Hastings, while simultaneously recognizing the injustices they have endured.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Mary Fasbender, Mayor of the City of Hastings, Minnesota and the Hastings City Council hereby proclaim February 2022 as Black History Month in Hastings, Minnesota.

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Mary D. Fasbender, Mayor