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, In 1915, Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson, noted Black scholar and son of former slaves, founded the Association for the Study of African American Life and History; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Woodson initiated Black History Week, February 12, 1926; and for many years, the second week of February, chosen to coincide with the birthdays of Frederick Douglas and Abraham Lincoln, was celebrated by African Americans in the United States; and

WHEREAS, In 1976, as part of the nation's bicentennial, Black History Week was expanded and became established as Black History Month, and is now celebrated all over North America; and

WHEREAS, After the Civil War, many black Americans sought a better life, free from oppression and in search of new economic opportunities, and the liberty to create their own lives; and

WHEREAS, The observance of Black History Month calls our Nation's attention to the continued need to battle racism and to build a society that lives up to its democratic ideals.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dr. Larry Wallace Jr., Mayor of the City of Manor, Texas, and on behalf of the Manor City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2021 as:

"Black History Month"

In the City of Manor and urge 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 caused the seal of the City of Manor to be affixed this 20th day of January 2021.

[Signature]

Dr. Larry Wallace Jr., Mayor
City of Manor