



# City of Killeen

- WHEREAS** America has recognized black history annually since 1926, first as Negro History Week and later as Black History Month and National African American History Month; and
- WHEREAS** African Americans have left an indelible mark on this great nation, and their story is too often left out of the historical narrative; and
- WHEREAS** Black History Month serves as a call to action to honor the contributions of African Americans, to remember their service and sacrifice and to ensure that future generations learn from those who went before; and
- WHEREAS** The 2019 Black History Month theme, “Black Migrations,” paying tribute to the movement of African Americans into new communities and new realities; and
- WHEREAS** Killeen was once an intolerant community, but the establishment of Camp Hood moved the 761<sup>st</sup> Tank Battalion, a unit of African American soldiers, to the area forever changing the community’s complexion; and
- WHEREAS** The battalion’s movement compelled the integration of the United States Army and forced the early integration of Killeen schools; and
- WHEREAS** Killeen is now considered a transient community because of constant military movement, but it is also considered a welcoming community where African Americans and people of all backgrounds have opportunity and status; and
- WHEREAS** The Killeen of today is a proud result of movement; the moving in of people and the moving out of intolerance.

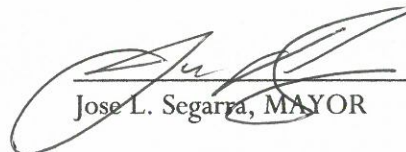
**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Jose L. Segarra, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Killeen do hereby proclaim February 2019 as a month for remembrance and celebration of:

## *Black History Month*

May we stand united as a community this month and every month to honor the great contributions made by African Americans for we know that diversity is both our greatest strength and our greatest hope.



**In Witness Whereof**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Killeen to be affixed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2019.

  
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Jose L. Segarra, MAYOR