



“Roswell Black History Month”

- WHEREAS,** The celebration of Black History Month was begun by Dr. Carter G. Woodson, the son of former slaves; and
- WHEREAS,** Black History Month has been celebrated nationally in America since 1926; and
- WHEREAS,** February was designated Black History Month in recognition of Black achievements that greatly impacted American history; and
- WHEREAS,** The Historic and Cultural Affairs Division of the City of Roswell Recreation, Parks, Historic and Cultural Affairs Department working with a volunteer Steering Committee will host the "Roswell Roots: Festival of Black History and Culture" for the 13th year; and
- WHEREAS,** The Groveway Community Group, the Roswell Regional Library, the Southern Trilogy Homes, the Visitors' Center, Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Teaching Museum North, the Roswell Historical Society, the Child Development Association and Aurora Cineplex are also participating; and
- WHEREAS,** The 2014 Roswell Roots Festival includes six exhibits and 20 events including African art, photography, cooking, drumming, live music featuring the Masters of Soul concert, storytelling, lectures, workshops, a poetry slam, a cornbread cook-off, a film screening and more; and
- WHEREAS,** The Roswell Roots Festival celebrates the contributions of Roswell's African American citizens, both past and present.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JERE WOOD, Mayor of the City of Roswell, do hereby proclaim all of February 2014 as Black History Month and call upon all of our citizens to recognize this special celebration of African American heritage and culture through participation in all of the events of the Roswell Roots Festival.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 27th day of January, 2014.

JERE WOOD, MAYOR