

*Office of the Mayor
Township of Bordentown*

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Black History Month began on Wednesday, February 1 and will conclude on Tuesday, February 28, 2017; and

WHEREAS, During Black History Month, we celebrate the many accomplishments and achievements by African Americans to our economic, cultural, spiritual and political development; it is a time to recognize the central role of African Americans in the United States history; and

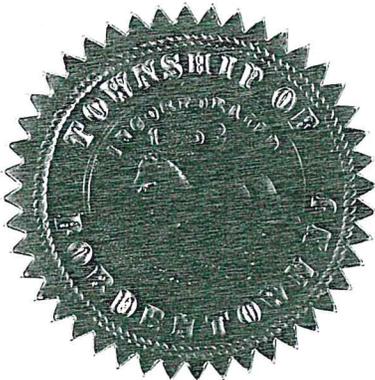
WHEREAS, On February 1, 1865, the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which abolished slavery, was adopted by the 38th Congress and the ratification was completed on December, 1865; and

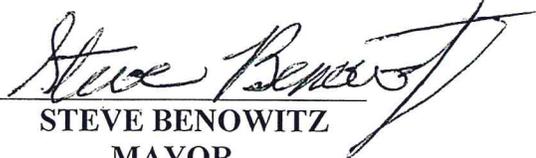
WHEREAS, this month Negro History Week originated by Carter G. Woodson and was observed the first time in 1926 and was chosen to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglas; and

WHEREAS, February 10 of 1964 after ten days of debate and voting on 125 amendments, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Civil Rights Act of 1964 by vote of 290-130; and the bill prohibited any state or local government or public facility from denying access to anyone because of race or ethnic origin; and

WHEREAS, many African Americans have changed the course of history for the betterment of the this country such as Martin Luther King, Jr., non-violent Civil Rights spokesman and we commemorate his birthday, (January 15th), by adopting the third Monday of the month as an American federal holiday; and

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, I, Steve Benowitz, Mayor, of the Township of Bordentown, County of Burlington and State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim and recognize the outstanding achievements that are celebrated and highlighted especially during Black History Month in February and encourage the residents of our township to join me.




STEVE BENOWITZ
MAYOR