

**RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, held on the 3rd day of February 2026, at 6:00 p.m. local time.

PRESENT: \_\_\_\_\_  
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ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

The following resolution was offered by \_\_\_\_\_ and supported by \_\_\_\_\_

**WHEREAS**, Meridian Township acknowledges the contributions of African Americans to the history of the United States and that all people of the United States benefit from the inclusion of African American contributions to US history; and

**WHEREAS**, In February, Meridian Township recognizes Black History Month as an opportunity to reflect on the contributions of black history to Township history, Michigan history and US history; and

**WHEREAS**, Meridian Township encourages learning from the past in order to understand and improve the experiences that shape the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, African Americans engage and serve the United States at all levels of American life including government, military, academia, and industry; and

**WHEREAS**, During Black History Month Meridian Township acknowledges and commemorates the importance of African American citizenship, engagement and resilience; and

**WHEREAS**, In Meridian Township, Gilbert Sherman was the first African American to serve on the Township Board, appointed Township Treasurer in 1999. In 2000, Gilbert Sherman was the first African American to run for the office of Treasurer and thus for a Township Board seat; and

**WHEREAS**, Milton L. Scales was the first African American elected to the Township Board in 2012. He served from 2012-2016; and

**WHEREAS**, Since 2015, the Meridian Township Board has adopted a recurring commitment to increased diversity in all aspects of Township function, and specifically in it's "Board Goals and Objectives"; and

**WHEREAS**, In November 2016, Patricia Herring Jackson, became the first African American female elected to the Township Board, as a Trustee; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2021, the federal government declared Juneteenth a National Independence Day, a federal holiday for us all and Meridian Township began hosting community celebrations to bring awareness of the holiday and its importance to honor the true end of slavery in America; and

**WHEREAS,** In February 2022, Patricia Herring Jackson, was the first African American female appointed to the Township Board, as Supervisor and in November 2022, she was elected to serve as Township Supervisor.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN,** that Meridian Township commemorates Black History Month to pay tribute to the generations of African Americans who struggled with adversity and to celebrate the accomplishments, contributions, and history of African Americans.

ADOPTED: YEAS: \_\_\_\_\_

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NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF MICHIGAN        )  
  ) ss  
COUNTY OF INGHAM        )

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Township Board on the 3rd day of February 2026.



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Angela Demas  
Meridian Township Clerk