

# PROCLAMATION

[Name of Municipality, State or Agency]

WHEREAS, Dr. Jacqueline Bouvier Copeland of Pan-African Women's Philanthropy Network (PAWPNet) and The WISE Fund established the month of August as Black Philanthropy Month in 2011 with recognition by the United Nations as part of its 2011 Declaration of the International Year for People of African Descent and then its 2015-2024 Declaration of the International Decade for People of African Descent; and

WHEREAS, Black Philanthropy Month is an annual, global celebration of African-descent giving in all its forms; and

WHEREAS, the month-long observance invites all people of African ancestry and allied brothers and sisters to take August and beyond to promote the power of giving to transform lives; and

WHEREAS, Black communities have vested reasons to celebrate and renew their rich, shared traditions of giving, self-help, and innovation throughout the U.S. and the world; and

WHEREAS, an extraordinary legacy of philanthropy and ongoing achievement in philanthropy merit a concerted effort to lift up important stories, spotlight good work, educate the generations, and inspire giving; and

WHEREAS, understanding and generosity are instrumental to improving social, educational, economic and health outcomes in Black communities; and

WHEREAS, philanthropy at its etymological root means *love of humankind*, and everyone desires love and deserves to flourish with love.

Now, therefore, I, [Name and Title of Public Official / Executive Officer] do hereby proclaim every August 1 through August 31 as:

**Black Philanthropy Month**

I call upon public officials, givers of the luminary and everyday variety, professionals and volunteers from the philanthropic and nonprofit realm, faith-based congregants, the young and the forever young-hearted and all the people of [Name of Municipality / Agency] to observe this month, to celebrate and encourage the cultural richness and philanthropic spirit of our community, and to recognize the vital role generosity plays in ensuring a healthy, safe and prosperous community in which to live, work and flourish.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand this first day of August, in the year two thousand sixteen.

Honorable [Name of Public Official / Executive Officer]