

PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF BLACK HERITAGE MONTH FEBRUARY 2021

During the month of February, our nation celebrates the rich heritage and history of Black Americans by honoring and recognizing the many accomplishments that African Americans and people of African descent have made to the nation and the world.

We, too, at Montclair State University celebrate this occasion. African Americans and other people of African ancestry serve our university in many capacities; and they are well represented in our student body. They play a valuable role at the University and have enriched our campus with the highest levels of leadership, intellectual growth, and artistic achievement.

Montclair State acknowledges the numerous contributions that African Americans and other people of African descent continue to make in our pluralistic society and reaffirms its commitment to equal opportunities to members of this racial group, as well as the larger population, and by supporting their many endeavors on campus. The theme for this year's observance is "Passing the Torch of Greatness."

NOW THEREFORE, I, Susan A. Cole, President of Montclair State University, hereby proclaim February 2021 as **Black Heritage Month** at Montclair State University, and I encourage our entire campus community to join proudly in celebrating this occasion.

SUSAN A. COLE February 8, 2021