

**PROCLAMATION**

TO THE PEOPLE OF SEWARD COUNTY, KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, Black History Month is an opportunity to share the historical and present contributions of African Americans, and

WHEREAS, During Black History Month, we celebrate the many achievements and contributions made by African Americans to our economic, cultural, spiritual and political development; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month began as "Negro History Week" in February 1926 in the United States as supplement to the school curriculum, through the work of African American scholar, Dr. Carter G. Woodson; wherein his aim was to encourage a greater awareness and understanding of the African experience; and

WHEREAS, later, in the 1960's, the week expanded into Black History Month to commemorate, through community activities, a more balanced and accurate picture of Black History, and is celebrated yearly during the entire month of February, as it coincides with the birthdays of the great black Leader Frederick Douglass (February 15) and Abraham Lincoln (February 12); and

WHEREAS, the State of Kansas recognizes the significant contributions and huge advances African Americans have made, and continue to make in the State of Kansas and the world, in such areas as education, medicine, art, culture, public service, economic and development, politics and human rights. We see the greatness of America in those who have risen above injustice and enriched our society.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, SEWARD COUNTY, KANSAS, do hereby proclaim February 2016 as:

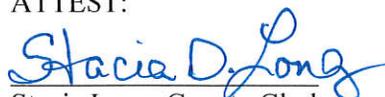
**Black History Month**

In Seward County, Kansas, and urge all citizens to celebrate our diverse heritage and culture and continue our efforts to create a world that is more just, peaceful and prosperous for all.

Board of County Commissioners  
Seward County, Kansas

By:   
Nathan McCaffrey, Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
Stacia Long, County Clerk

