

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE**

**RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING  
BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

**RESOLUTION**

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Meridian, Ingham County, Michigan, held at the Meridian Municipal Building, in said Township on the 4th day of February, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., Local Time.

PRESENT: Supervisor Pro-Tem Opsommer, Clerk Guthrie, Treasurer Deschaine, Trustees Jackson, Sundland and Wisinski

ABSENT: Supervisor Styka

The following resolution was offered by Trustee Wisinski and supported by Treasurer Deschaine

**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.

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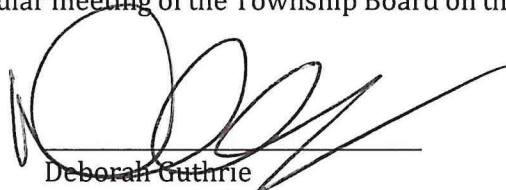
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN, INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN,** that Meridian Township commemorates Black History Month to pay tribute to the generations of African Americans who struggled with adversity and to celebrate the accomplishments, contributions,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

ADOPTED: YEAS: Trustee Wisinski, Clerk Guthrie, Treasurer Deschaine, Trustee Jackson, Supervisor Pro-Tem Opsommer, Trustee Sundland

NAYS: None

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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 202.

  
Deborah Guthrie  
Township Clerk