



## RESOLUTION 2026-03

### Black History Month

The Village Board of the Village of Cottage Grove, Dane County, Wisconsin, does resolve as follows:

**WHEREAS**, the United States of America was founded upon the principles of liberty, justice, and opportunity for all, and Black History Month provides an opportunity to honor the many contributions of Black Americans who have helped shape our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, Black Americans have played a vital role in the development of our country, from serving in the military and holding public office to advancing innovation, business, faith, education, and community leadership; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Cottage Grove values the principles of hard work, faith, family, and civic responsibility, which are reflected in the lives and legacies of many Black Americans throughout history; and

**WHEREAS**, recognizing Black History Month fosters an appreciation for the diverse cultural heritage that enriches our community and promotes a spirit of unity, respect, and shared American values; and

**WHEREAS**, by learning from history and recognizing the achievements of Black Americans, we strengthen our commitment to ensuring that every citizen has the opportunity to contribute to and benefit from the success of our great nation;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Village of Cottage Grove, does hereby proclaim February 2026 as Black History Month in the Village of Cottage Grove and encourage all residents to learn about, reflect upon, and celebrate the many contributions of Black Americans to our shared history and future.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Village Board of the Village of Cottage Grove recognizes February 2026 as Black History Month across the Village of Cottage Grove and celebrates the contributions and legacy of Black Americans.

Adopted this 2nd day of February, 2026.

*Cynthia Kelm-Nelson*

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Cynthia Kelm-Nelson, Village President

**ATTEST:**

*Lisa Kalata*

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Lisa Kalata, Village Clerk