



Town of Upper Marlboro
Board of Town Commissioners

Proclamation

In Recognition of African American Music Appreciation Month

WHEREAS, the United States has been celebrating African-American Music Appreciation Month since 1979 under President Jimmy Carter; ***and***

WHEREAS, in 2009 President Barrack Obama went on to rename Black Music Month to African-American Music Appreciation Month; ***and***

WHEREAS, African-American music reflects creativity and tradition, movement, and individualism in sacred music, folk, the blues, military, jazz, rhythm and blues, rock and roll, hip hop, and rap; ***and***

WHEREAS, their shared lyrics reflect tales of slavery, racism and fighting for justice, African American Music covers a vast range of topics that has great significance for our community; ***and***

WHEREAS, African-American music has been an essential part of American culture and influenced popular music across genres throughout history; ***and***

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED residents of Upper Marlboro should raise awareness and appreciation of African American Music; ***and***

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED African American Music connects us together as a community through lyrics and songs; ***and***

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED encourage residents of Upper Marlboro to join in celebrations and learn about influence of African American Music in our community and shared History.

Signed this 22nd Day of June, 2023.



A blue ink signature of Sarah Franklin, written in a cursive style.

Sarah Franklin
President / Mayor

Town of Upper Marlboro

