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**HONORABLE JUDGES**  
**ROBERT A. & ROBERT C. WRIGHT**

**WHEREAS, BLACK HISTORY MONTH, ALSO KNOWN AS AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH, IS AN ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF ACHIEVEMENTS BY AFRICAN AMERICANS AND A DEDICATED TIME TO RECOGNIZE THEIR IMPACT IN THE UNITED STATES; AND**

**WHEREAS, SINCE 1976, EVERY U.S. PRESIDENT HAS OFFICIALLY DESIGNATED THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH; AND**

**WHEREAS, THE ORIGIN OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH DATES BACK TO 1912 AND IS THE EVOLUTION OF "NEGRO HISTORY WEEK," AN EVENT THAT BEGAN BECAUSE OF HISTORIAN CARTER G. WOODSON AND OTHER PROMINENT AFRICAN AMERICANS; AND**

**WHEREAS, IN THE CITY OF CHESTER, MANY AFRICAN AMERICANS HAVE EARNED ACHIEVEMENTS WORTHY OF RECOGNITION BECAUSE OF THEIR IMPACT ON AND IN OUR COMMUNITY; AND**

**WHEREAS, DURING THIS BLACK HISTORY MONTH THE CITY OF CHESTER WILL RECOGNIZE HONORABLE JUDGES ROBERT A. AND ROBERT C. WRIGHT; AND**

**WHEREAS, ROBERT A. WRIGHT WAS THE FATHER OF ROBERT C. WRIGHT, BOTH WHOM WERE CHESTER NATIVES AND SERVED AS JUDGES FOR THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA; AND**

**WHEREAS, HONORABLE JUDGE ROBERT A. WRIGHT ATTENDED TEMPLE LAW SCHOOL FROM 1946 TO 1950 AND EVENTUALLY OPENED A LAW OFFICE IN THE CITY OF CHESTER; AND**

**WHEREAS, HONORABLE JUDGE ROBERT A. WRIGHT WAS THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN TO BE NAMED ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY IN DELAWARE COUNTY AND THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN TO SERVE AS A JUDGE ON THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF DELAWARE COUNTY; AND**

**WHEREAS, HONORABLE JUDGE ROBERT C. WRIGHT RECEIVED HIS LAW DEGREE FROM VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY, AND TOOK OVER THE LAW OFFICES OF HIS FATHER HONORABLE JUDGE ROBERT A. WRIGHT WHEN HIS FATHER WAS APPOINTED TO SERVE ON THE DELAWARE COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS; AND**

**WHEREAS, HONORABLE JUDGE ROBERT C. WRIGHT SERVED ON MANY BOARDS, INCLUDING SERVING AS THE SOLICITOR FOR THE CHESTER HOUSING AUTHORITY AND PRESIDENT OF THE DELAWARE COUNTY REPUBLICAN COUNCIL, BEFORE BEING ELECTED AS THE STATE REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE 159<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT; AND**

**WHEREAS, HONORABLE JUDGE ROBERT C. WRIGHT SERVED AS THE STATE REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE 159<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT FOR 10 YEARS, UNTIL HE WAS ELECTED TO THE DELAWARE COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS; AND**

**WHEREAS, HONORABLE JUDGES ROBERT A. AND ROBERT C. WRIGHT HAD THE UNIQUE DISTINCTION OF BEING THE FIRST FATHER AND SON TO SERVE ON THE BENCH AT THE SAME TIME.**

**NOW THEREFORE, I, MAYOR THADDEUS KIRKLAND AND THE COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF CHESTER RECOGNIZE BLACK HISTORY MONTH BY HONORING THE LEGACIES OF THIS FATHER AND SON JUDGE DUO AND THEIR INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS AS PUBLIC SERVANTS IN OUR COMMUNITY.**

**PRESENTED THIS 24<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2021**

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THADDEUS KIRKLAND, MAYOR

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PORTIA WEST, COUNCILWOMAN

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WILLIAM MORGAN, COUNCILMAN

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ELIZABETH WILLIAMS, COUNCILWOMAN

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WILLIAM A. JACOBS, COUNCILMAN