Whereas, in 1976, Black History Month was formally adopted to honor and affirm the importance of Black History throughout our American experience; and

Whereas, Black History Month is a time for all Americans to remember the rich history of those who helped build this Country and City, took a stance against prejudice, advanced the cause of civil rights, and strengthened families and communities; and

Whereas, the City of Wylie's honor, strength and stature can be attributed to the diversity of the many cultures and traditions that are celebrated by the residents of this great community; and

Whereas, African Americans have played significant roles in the history of the City of Wylie's economic, cultural, spiritual, social and political development, while working tirelessly to maintain and promote their own culture and heritage; and

Whereas, during Black History Month all Americans are encouraged to reflect on past successes and challenges of African Americans and look to the future to build upon this heritage and continue to improve society so that we live up to the ideals of freedom, equality and justice.

Now therefore, I, Eric Hogue, Mayor of the City of Wylie, Texas, on behalf of the City of Wylie City Council and Citizens of Wylie, on this the 26th day of February 2013, am honored to hereby proclaim the month of February 2013, as,

“Black History Month”

in Wylie, Texas, and urge all citizens to join in honoring our history and celebrating the contributions of African Americans.

Eric Hogue, Mayor
City of Wylie
State of Texas