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, 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; and

Whereas, Charlene Foster had a dream in the spirit of Martin Luther King Jr. to become a professional chef, and in May 2010 opened a successful business called Southern Goodness Catering.

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 23rd day of February 2016, am honored to hereby proclaim the month of February 2016, as,

“Black History Month”

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

Eric Hogue, Mayor
City of Wylie
State of Texas