



## ***A PROCLAMATION***

**WHEREAS**, the month of February has received national recognition as Black History Month; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2017 the Boulder Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) was established in Boulder with the purpose of promoting civic engagement, eradicating racial prejudice and eliminating racial discrimination in education, employment, housing, and civil rights; and

**WHEREAS**, the Boulder County Branch of the NAACP is celebrating its annual Freedom Fund, a long-standing tradition that brings together NAACP members and community supporters to raise funds to support the operations of our local Branch.

**WHEREAS**, the Boulder County Branch of the NAACP is dedicated to upholding the mission of equality and justice for all as championed by the NAACP since its founding in 1909; and

**WHEREAS**, educating and fostering a sense of community, inclusive and respectful of all, is needed to effect understanding and facilitate positive change; and

**WHEREAS**, the Arts have always been an important expression of Black Culture, shared and emulated worldwide; and

**WHEREAS**, African-American musicians are underrepresented in formal ensembles, despite a deep musical tradition, including aero phones—flutes, reeds pipes, trumpets and horns, rooted in the bounty of the African Landscape; and

**WHEREAS**, the Boulder County Branch of the NAACP is honored to extend an invitation to all to attend a performance by the premier Nashville African American Wind Symphony, an ensemble comprised of 65 Black Musicians, Music Educators, and Professionals on February 19th, 2023, during the annual Freedom Fund, at Macky Auditorium on the University of Colorado's Boulder campus; and

**THEREFORE**, I, Mark Lacis, Mayor of Superior, Colorado, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2023 as: Celebrating Black History: Uplifting the Community Through the World of Art

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2023.



Mark Lacis, Mayor