

PROCLAMATION

presented to

*Honorable Claude Parrish*

*Contributions to the City of Long Beach*

*Whereas*, the Honorable Claude Parrish has contributed much effort and support to the City of Long Beach; and

*Whereas*, Claude Parrish, Member, 3<sup>rd</sup> District, California State Board of Equalization, has assisted the City of Long Beach on a number of important issues; and

*Whereas*, Claude Parrish helped the City resolve sales tax issues enabling continued sales tax revenues of approximately \$3,500,000 annually; and

*Whereas*, Claude Parrish supported the adoption of clarifying language to recognize local participation in transactions subject to sales tax which ensure adequate funding for valuable local services that directly support Long Beach businesses and communities, including police and fire protection, libraries, parks, recreation programs, and infrastructure maintenance; and

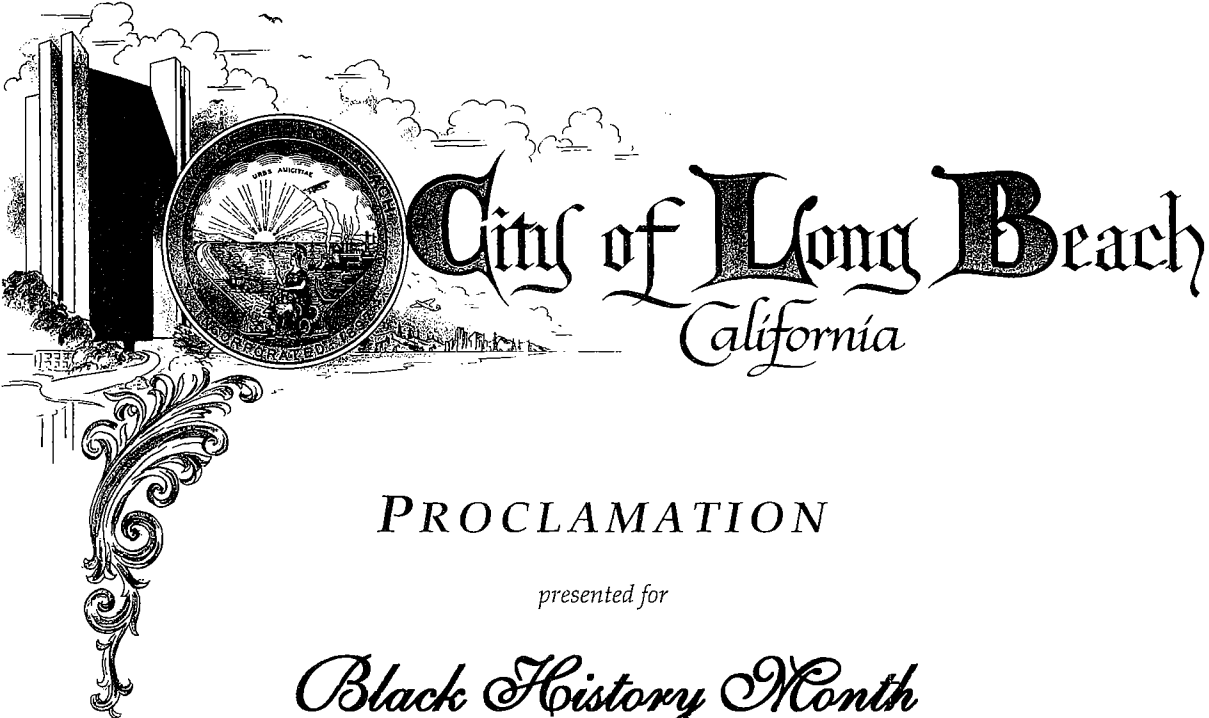
*Whereas*, the City is proud to be host to Claude Parrish's State Board of Equalization regional office;

*Now, Therefore*, I, Beverly O'Neill, Mayor of the City of Long Beach, on behalf of the Long Beach City Council, do hereby commend and thank Claude Parrish for his continued efforts and support for the City of Long Beach, its residents, businesses, visitors and City staff.



*Beverly O'Neill*  
Beverly O'Neill  
MAYOR

Dated: February 14, 2006



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### *Black History Month*

*Whereas*, according to the most recent census data, the city of Long Beach is the most diverse large city in the nation; and

*Whereas*, this diversity presents the City of Long Beach with great possibilities for continuing economic growth and cultural enrichment; and

*Whereas*, February has been declared Black History Month and is a time to reflect on and celebrate the contributions of African Americans in every field, from science and the arts to politics and religion; and

*Whereas*, Black History Month not only offers black Americans an occasion to explore their heritage, but it also offers all Americans an occasion and opportunity to gain a fuller perspective of the contributions of black Americans to our nation; and

*Whereas*, the courageous examples of Rosa Parks - whose simple act of protest galvanized America's civil rights revolution, the pioneering work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. - who was committed to racial equality through non-violence social change, and the steadfast commitment of Coretta Scott King - who was an avid proselytizer for her husband's vision continue to be the hallmarks by which we maintain the hope of dignity and justice for all; and

*Whereas*, the City of Long Beach recognizes that cultural celebrations such as Black History month provides our community opportunities to focus on ways in which we can learn from each other and come to a common understanding of ourselves as a multicultural community with shared goals and values; and

*Now, Therefore*, I, Beverly O'Neill, Mayor of the City of Long Beach, on behalf of the Long Beach City Council, do hereby recognize February as **Black History Month** and reaffirms its commitment to celebrate the contributions of African Americans during the month of February.



*Beverly O'Neill*  
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