

PROCLAMATION: BY MAYOR BART CASTLEBERRY CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS BLACK RESTAURANT WEEK February 21st - 27th, 2021

Whereas: the City of Conway has experienced growth in the number of Black-

Owned dining establishments in 2020, despite the Covid-19 pandemic

and its effects on the hospitality industry as a whole; and

Whereas: this week is to increase the public awareness of Black-owned restaurants

and food service providers located throughout the City of Conway. Blackowned restaurants and food services providers have brought culinary and cultural diversity which helps to strengthen the presence of the African

American community; and

Whereas: sharing various cuisines provides an opportunity to appreciate cultural

diversity while fostering an understanding about the history of people

and the influences which created the cuisine; and

Whereas: this is an opportunity for the citizens of Conway, to become aware of the

role Black restaurant owners and food providers play throughout the City

of Conway and surrounding areas.

Now therefore I, Bart Castleberry, Mayor of Conway, do hereby proclaim February 21st through 27th, 2021 as:

"BLACK RESTAURANT WEEK 2021"

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the SEAL of the City of Conway, Arkansas to be affixed.

Dated this 21st day of February, 2021.

Mayor Bart Castleberry

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