

*Town of Sedalia*  
**Black History Month Proclamation – February 2023**  
*Sedalia, Our Heritage. Our Roots. Our Future.*

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**WHEREAS**, the Town of Sedalia was built on the grounds where Miss Charlotte Hawkins Brown as a young African American woman founded and ran a preparatory school known as the Alice Freeman Palmer Memorial Institute for African American boys and girls from 1902 to 1971. Her courageous fight led to what this town is today; and

**WHEREAS**, many years later the school closed, and is now operated as a North Carolina state historic site under the name of the Charlotte Hawkins Brown Museum to honor and sustain her legacy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Sedalia has grown to nearly 700 residents and is welcoming to all people of every race, religion, gender, and economic orientation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Sedalia strives to continue being the inclusive community it has been for decades. It is a community that embraces people from all walks of life and works to ensure all residents and guests are treated with dignity and respect; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Sedalia Land Use Plan was updated in 2022 including the racially diverse 17 member steering committee, comprised of citizens and town officials, to develop, review, and provide oversight and guidelines; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Sedalia desires integrated approaches to improving health, equitable development and social equity for its citizens and businesses it serves; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Sedalia wants to cultivate an environment promoting a sense of place and belonging by endorsing measures that encourage local government to work towards reducing environmental impact on its people, buildings, and policies; providing assistance in public education and outreach on sustainability and equity; and

**WHEREAS**, the pride shown here as a people is exemplary of how far we've come, and remains an unwavering characteristic; and

**WHEREAS**, while we are celebrating the 2023 Black History Month, we take time to observe and recognize the achievements and contributions of African Americans not only in our nation, but also in our community. The people, businesses, and leadership of Sedalia expect for everyone to treat and be treated as equals and with respect. The Town of Sedalia upholds the values of equity and inclusion, in celebration of all individuals and opportunities to come; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Town of Sedalia will support and resolve the aforementioned measures as **THE SMALL QUAIN TOWN WITH DEEP ROOTS, RICH HERITAGE, AND A BIG PICTURE MINDSET FOR THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY.**