

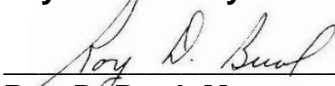
PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS**, Captain Robert L. Martin was born in Dubuque on February 9, 1919, and graduated from the Tuskegee Airmen Program, also known as “Redtails”, on September 8, 1944; and
- WHEREAS**, Captain Robert L. Martin was initially assigned to the 101st Squadron, which later became part of the 332nd Fighter Group and the 99th Fighter Squadron; and
- WHEREAS**, the elite Tuskegee Airmen were dedicated, determined young men who volunteered to become America’s first Black military airman notorious for their successful missions of escorting and protecting bombers during World War II while maintaining one of the lowest loss records of all the escort fighter groups; and
- WHEREAS**, called Redtails because of the crimson paint on the tails of their P-51 Mustangs, the Tuskegee Airmen broke racial barriers to become the most respectable fighter groups in a segregated military that previously never thought Blacks could fly planes in defense of their country; and
- WHEREAS**, German military forces knew them as the Black Birdman and military records have documented their 1578 missions of which the Tuskegee Airmen were known to have never lost a bomber; and
- WHEREAS**, the City of Dubuque is proud to recognize the skills and talents of Captain Robert L. Martin in aviation and protecting our country; and
- WHEREAS**, Captain Robert L. Martin’s legacy is to be shared and remembered for generations to come with the naming of the Captain Robert L. Martin Terminal at the Dubuque Regional Airport in honor.

NOW THEREFORE, I, ROY D. BUOL, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DUBUQUE, IOWA, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL, STAFF AND CITIZENS OF DUBUQUE DO HEREBY RECOGNIZE **THE BIRTHDAY OF CAPTAIN ROBERT L. MARTIN** DURING **BLACK HISTORY MONTH** IN DUBUQUE, IOWA AND CALL UPON THE CITIZENS OF DUBUQUE TO FURTHER AFFIRM THE RICH STORIES OF LOCAL HEROES.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Dubuque to be affixed 15th day of February 2021.



Roy D. Buol, Mayor

Attest:


Adrienne N. Breitfelder, City Clerk

2021: Submitted by the Captain Robert L. Martin Commemoration Committee and Dubuque Branch NAACP via R.R.S. Stewart stew0220@umn.edu. Accepted by Dawnelle Gordon, dawnellegordon@gmail.com with copies going to the family of Captain Robert L Martin and The Dubuque Regional Airport Commission.