

IN RECOGNITION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH FEBRUARY 2016

- WHEREAS: THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY IS RECOGNIZED NATIONALLY AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH; AND
- WHEREAS: BLACK HISTORY MONTH HONORS AND AFFIRMS THE IMPORTANCE OF BLACK HISTORY THROUGHOUT OUR AMERICAN EXPERIENCE; AND
- WHEREAS: AFRICAN AMERICANS HAVE FACED OVERWHELMING ODDS IN MAKING THEIR NAMES AND STORIES KNOWN; AND
- WHEREAS: IN SPITE OF NUMEROUS BARRIERS, AFRICAN AMERICAN SCHOLARS, ARTISTS, ATHLETES AND LEADERS SELF-CONSCIOUSLY USED THEIR TALENTS TO CHANGE HOW THE WORLD VIEWED AFRICAN AMERICANS; AND
- WHEREAS: AT THE DAWN OF THESE STRIVINGS AND AT ALL POINTS ALONG THE ROAD, THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF AFRICAN AMERICAN LIFE AND HISTORY (ASALH) HAS PLAYED A VITAL ROLE; AND
- WHEREAS: IN 1915, DOCTOR CARTER G. WOODSON FOUNDED THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF AFRICAN AMERICAN LIFE AND HISTORY UNDER THE BELIEF THAT HISTORICAL TRUTH WOULD CRUSH FALSEHOODS AND USHER IN A NEW ERA OF EQUALITY, OPPORTUNITY AND RACIAL DEMOCRACY; AND
- WHEREAS: THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF AFRICAN AMERICAN LIFE AND HISTORY HAS SELECTED “*HALLOWED GROUNDS: SITES OF AFRICAN AMERICAN MEMORIES*” AS THE 2016 NATIONAL BLACK HISTORY THEME; AND
- WHEREAS: THE HISTORY OF AFRICAN AMERICANS UNFOLDS ACROSS THE CANVAS OF AMERICA, BEGINNING BEFORE THE ARRIVAL OF THE MAYFLOWER AND CONTINUING TO THE PRESENT; AND
- WHEREAS: THE IMPRINT OF AMERICANS OF AFRICAN DESCENT IS DEEPLY EMBEDDED IN THE NARRATIVE OF THE AMERICAN PAST; FROM PORT CITIES WHERE AFRICANS DISEMBARKED FROM SLAVE SHIPS TO THE BATTLE FIELDS WHERE AFRICAN DESCENDANTS FOUGHT FOR FREEDOM; FROM THE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WHERE AFRICAN DESCENDANTS PURSUED EDUCATION TO PLACES WHERE AFRICAN DESCENDANTS CREATED COMMUNITIES DURING CENTURIES OF MIGRATION; AND
- WHEREAS: ONE CANNOT TELL THE STORY OF AMERICA WITHOUT PRESERVING AND REFLECTING ON THE PLACES WHERE AFRICAN AMERICANS HAVE MADE HISTORY; AND
- WHEREAS: IN HONOR OF THE 2016 NATIONAL BLACK HISTORY THEME, THE GLOBAL VILLAGE IMPACT, INC. KUUMBA-STEM PROGRAM, MCNICOL MIDDLE SCHOOL, AND THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD’S AFRICAN AMERICAN ADVISORY COUNCIL, HAVE PARTNERED TO INCLUDE A SCALE MODELING OF CERTAIN SITES OF AFRICAN AMERICAN MEMORIES ALONG THE STATE OF FLORIDA’S BLACK HERITAGE TRAIL; NOW
- THEREFORE: PETER BOBER, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, AND THE HOLLYWOOD CITY COMMISSION, HEREBY PROCLAIM FEBRUARY 2016, AS:

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

IN HOLLYWOOD, AND URGE THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ACTIVITIES COMMEMORATING THIS SPECIAL MONTH.

SIGNED THIS 17th DAY OF
FEBRUARY 2016, AT
HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

MAYOR PETER BOBER
VICE MAYOR PETER D. HERNANDEZ
COMMISSIONER PATRICIA ASSEFF
COMMISSIONER PETER D. HERNANDEZ
COMMISSIONER TRACI L. CALLARI
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