

IN RECOGNITION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

FEBRUARY 2023

- WHEREAS,** EACH FEBRUARY, NATIONAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH HONORS THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF AFRICAN AMERICANS AND CELEBRATES THEIR IMMEASURABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR NATION'S HISTORY. BLACK HISTORY MONTH SHINES A LIGHT ON THE LEGACIES OF GENERATIONS PAST AND IS ONE OF THE MOST RECOGNIZED AND CELEBRATED CULTURAL HERITAGE MONTHS ON THE CALENDAR; AND
- WHEREAS,** THE ORIGIN OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH BEGAN WITH CARTER G. WOODSON, KNOWN AS THE "FATHER OF BLACK HISTORY". WOODSON, WHO'S PARENTS WERE ENSLAVED, WAS AN AUTHOR, HISTORIAN AND THE SECOND AFRICAN AMERICAN TO EARN A PH.D. AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY, RECOGNIZED THAT THE AMERICAN EDUCATION SYSTEM OFFERED VERY LITTLE ABOUT THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF AFRICAN AMERICANS; AND
- WHEREAS,** IN 1926, WOODSON PROPOSED A NATIONAL "NEGRO HISTORY WEEK," WHICH WAS INTENDED TO SHOWCASE EVERYTHING STUDENTS LEARNED ABOUT BLACK HISTORY THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR. IN 1976, PRESIDENT GERALD FORD EXPANDED THE WEEK INTO BLACK HISTORY MONTH; AND
- WHEREAS,** SINCE 1928 THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF AFRICAN AMERICAN LIFE AND HISTORY HAS PROVIDED A NATIONAL THEME FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH. THIS YEAR'S THEME IS "BLACK RESISTANCE" TO EXPLORE HOW AFRICAN AMERICANS HAVE RESISTED AND OVERCAME HISTORIC OPPRESSION IN ALL FORMS; AND
- WHEREAS,** DESPITE MANY SOCIETAL BARRIERS AFRICAN AMERICANS AND THEIR WHITE ALLIES USED SIT-INS, BOYCOTTS, WALK OUTS, AND STRIKES IN THE FIGHT AGAINST DISCRIMINATION IN ALL SECTORS OF SOCIETY FROM EMPLOYMENT TO EDUCATION TO HOUSING – SEEKING FREEDOM, LIBERTY, AND JUSTICE FOR ALL; AND
- WHEREAS,** SYSTEMATIC OPPRESSION HAS SOUGHT TO NEGATE MUCH OF THE DREAMS OF SOME AFRICAN AMERICAN POETS LIKE LANGSTON HUGHES AND ZORA NEALE HURSTON, AND FREEDOM FIGHTERS LIKE THE REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SEPTIMA CLARK, AND FANNIE LOU HAMER; AND
- WHEREAS,** BLACK PEOPLE HAVE SOUGHT WAYS TO NURTURE AND PROTECT BLACK LIVES. BLACK FAITH INSTITUTIONS WERE SPACES WHERE THE AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY MET TO ORGANIZE RESISTANCE EFFORTS. CULTURAL CENTERS SUCH AS LIBRARIES AND SOCIAL, LITERARY AND CULTURAL CLUBS WORKED TO SUPPORT INTELLECTUAL DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITIES TO COLLECT AND PRESERVE BLACK STORIES, SPONSOR BLACK HISTORY AND LITERATURE EVENTS, AND WERE ACTIVE IN THE QUEST FOR CIVIL, SOCIAL, AND HUMAN RIGHTS. BLACK MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS WORKED WITH OTHERS TO ESTABLISH NURSING SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS, AND CLINICS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE SPACES FOR BLACK PEOPLE TO GET QUALITY HEALTH CARE. EDUCATION, WHETHER IN ELEMENTARY, SECONDARY, OR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS HAVE BEEN SEEN AS A WAY FOR BLACK PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES TO RESIST THE NARRATIVE THAT BLACK PEOPLE ARE INTELLECTUALLY INFERIOR; AND
- WHEREAS,** THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD WILL JOIN IN BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATIONS IN OUR COMMUNITY INCLUDING THE EVENT SPONSORED BY THE CITY'S AFRICAN AMERICAN ADVISORY COUNCIL THAT WILL TAKE PLACE AT 6 P.M. ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD AT THE WASHINGTON PARK COMMUNITY CENTER. THE EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND THE HOLLYWOOD CITY COMMISSION ENCOURAGES EVERYONE TO ATTEND; NOW
- THEREFORE,** JOSH LEVY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, AND THE HOLLYWOOD CITY COMMISSION, HEREBY PROCLAIM FEBRUARY 2023, AS:

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

SIGNED THIS 1ST DAY OF
FEBRUARY 2023, AT
HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

MAYOR JOSH LEVY
VICE MAYOR ADAM GRUBER
COMMISSIONER CARYL S. SHUHAM
COMMISSIONER LINDA HILL ANDERSON
COMMISSIONER TRACI L. CALLARI
COMMISSIONER KEVIN D. BIEDERMAN
COMMISSIONER IDELMA QUINTANA

