

A PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

FEBRUARY 2026

WHEREAS, CARTER G. WOODSON, KNOWN AS THE “FATHER OF BLACK HISTORY,” ORIGINALLY FOUNDED NEGRO HISTORY WEEK IN FEBRUARY 1926 TO HONOR THE BIRTHDAYS OF FREDERICK DOUGLASS AND ABRAHAM LINCOLN, TWO KEY FIGURES IN THE FIGHT FOR FREEDOM AND EQUALITY. IN 1976, PRESIDENT GERALD FORD EXPANDED THE RECOGNITION FROM ONE WEEK TO A MONTH. EACH FEBRUARY, NATIONAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH HONORS THE ACHIEVEMENTS AND EXTRAORDINARY CONTRIBUTIONS OF AFRICAN AMERICANS, HIGHLIGHTING THE LEGACIES OF GENERATIONS WHO HAVE SHAPED OUR NATION’S HISTORY, CULTURE, AND PROGRESS; AND

WHEREAS, THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF NEGRO LIFE AND HISTORY, WHICH WAS FORMED BY MR. WOODSON, HAS PROVIDED ANNUAL THEMES FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH SINCE 1928. THIS YEAR’S THEME, “A CENTURY OF BLACK HISTORY COMMEMORATIONS,” CELEBRATES 100 YEARS OF HONORING THE RICH HISTORY, CULTURE, AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF BLACK AMERICANS; AND

WHEREAS, THE THEME INVITES US TO REFLECT ON THE EVOLUTION OF THIS OBSERVANCE, FROM ITS BEGINNINGS AS A WEEK-LONG EFFORT TO A MONTH-LONG NATIONAL AND GLOBAL CELEBRATION OF RESILIENCE, BRILLIANCE, AND RESISTANCE; AND

WHEREAS, THROUGHOUT OUR NATION’S HISTORY, BLACK AMERICANS HAVE SHATTERED BARRIERS, DRIVEN INNOVATION IN SCIENCE, ARTS, BUSINESS, AND TECHNOLOGY, AND CONSISTENLY LED THE FIGHT FOR JUSTICE, EQUITY, AND THE REALIZATION OF THE AMERICAN DREAM. BLACK HISTORY IS NOT SEPARATE FROM AMERICAN HISTORY, BUT RATHER AN ESSENTIAL THREAD THAT SHAPES OUR COLLECTIVE IDENTITY, REQUIRING US TO ACKNOWLEDGE BOTH THE TRIUMPHS AND THE STRUGGLES AGAINST INJUSTICE; AND

WHEREAS, THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD WILL PARTICIPATE IN SEVERAL COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS, INCLUDING AN EVENT HOSTED BY THE CITY’S AFRICAN AMERICAN ADVISORY COUNCIL ON FEBRUARY 26TH AT THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMUNITY CENTER, ENCOURAGING ALL RESIDENTS TO ATTEND AND HONOR THIS VITAL HERITAGE: NOW

THEREFORE, JOSH LEVY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, AND THE HOLLYWOOD CITY COMMISSION, HEREBY PROCLAIM FEBRUARY 2026, AS:

BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

SIGNED THIS 4th DAY OF
FEBRUARY 2026, AT
HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

MAYOR JOSH LEVY
VICE MAYOR TRACI L. CALLARI
COMMISSIONER CARYL S. SHUHAM
COMMISSIONER PETER HERNANDEZ
COMMISSIONER ADAM GRUBER
COMMISSIONER KEVIN D. BIEDERMAN
COMMISSIONER IDELMA QUINTANA