

A PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

FEBRUARY 2025

WHEREAS, EACH FEBRUARY, NATIONAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH HONORS THE ACHIEVEMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF AFRICAN AMERICANS, HIGHLIGHTING THE LEGACIES OF GENERATIONS WHO HAVE SHAPED OUR NATION'S HISTORY, CULTURE, AND PROGRESS. BLACK HISTORY MONTH ORIGINATED WITH CARTER G. WOODSON, THE "FATHER OF BLACK HISTORY," WHOSE DEDICATION TO EDUCATION AND THE RECOGNITION OF AFRICAN AMERICAN ACCOMPLISHMENTS LED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEGRO HISTORY WEEK IN 1926, LATER EXPANDED TO A MONTH BY PRESIDENT GERALD FORD IN 1976; AND

WHEREAS, THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF NEGRO LIFE AND HISTORY HAS, SINCE 1928, PROVIDED ANNUAL THEMES FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH, WITH THIS YEAR'S THEME, "AFRICAN AMERICANS AND LABOR," ACKNOWLEDGING THE CRITICAL ROLES AFRICAN AMERICAN WORKERS HAVE PLAYED IN SHAPING THE LABOR MOVEMENT AND THE BROADER FIGHT FOR JUSTICE AND EQUALITY IN THE WORKPLACE; AND

WHEREAS, FROM THE AGRICULTURAL FIELDS TO THE INDUSTRIAL FACTORIES, AFRICAN AMERICANS HAVE BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND SUCCESS OF NUMEROUS INDUSTRIES, CONTRIBUTING TIRELESSLY TO THE ECONOMIC GROWTH OF THE UNITED STATES, OFTEN UNDER CHALLENGING AND INEQUITABLE CONDITIONS. TRAILBLAZING LABOR LEADERS SUCH AS A. PHILIP RANDOLPH, WHO ORGANIZED THE BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS, AND FANNIE LOU HAMER, WHO FOUGHT FOR VOTING AND LABOR RIGHTS, EXEMPLIFY THE COURAGEOUS EFFORTS OF AFRICAN AMERICANS IN ADVOCATING FOR FAIR WAGES, SAFER WORKING CONDITIONS, AND EQUAL TREATMENT IN THE WORKPLACE; AND

WHEREAS, AFRICAN AMERICANS HAVE LONG BEEN AT THE FOREFRONT OF SOCIAL AND POLITICAL MOVEMENTS, USING THE POWER OF THEIR VOICES AND ACTIONS TO DEMAND BETTER WORKING CONDITIONS, PAY EQUITY, AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR UPWARD MOBILITY. THE ONGOING LEGACY OF AFRICAN AMERICAN LABOR ACTIVISM CONTINUES TO INSPIRE EFFORTS TO CREATE A MORE JUST, EQUITABLE, AND INCLUSIVE LABOR MARKET FOR WORKERS OF ALL BACKGROUNDS, AND THE OBSERVANCE OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY TO REFLECT ON THE PROFOUND IMPACT AFRICAN AMERICANS HAVE HAD ON THE LABOR FORCE WHILE RECOMMITTING OURSELVES TO ENSURING THAT THE RIGHTS AND DIGNITY OF ALL WORKERS ARE PROTECTED, RESPECTED, AND CELEBRATED; 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 27TH AT THE WASHINGTON PARK 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 2025, AS:

BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

SIGNED THIS 5th DAY OF
FEBRUARY 2025, AT
HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

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