

IN RECOGNITION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

FEBRUARY 2021

- WHEREAS,** FEBRUARY IS NATIONAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH WHICH HONORS AFRICAN AMERICAN ACHIEVEMENTS AND RECOGNIZES THEIR SIGNIFICANT ROLES IN UNITED STATES HISTORY, AND HAS BECOME ONE OF THE MOST CELEBRATED CULTURAL HERITAGE MONTHS ON THE CALENDAR; AND
- WHEREAS,** CARTER G. WOODSON, KNOWN AS THE “FATHER OF BLACK HISTORY,” DEVELOPED BLACK HISTORY MONTH. WOODSON, WHO’S PARENTS WERE ENSLAVED, WAS AN AUTHOR, HISTORIAN AND HE SECOND AFRICAN AMERICAN TO EARN A PH.D. AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY; AND
- WHEREAS,** HE RECOGNIZED THAT THE AMERICAN EDUCATION SYSTEM OFFERED VERY LITTLE INFORMATION ABOUT THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF AFRICAN AMERICANS AND FOUNDED THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF NEGRO LIFE AND HISTORY, NOW CALLED THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF AFRICAN AMERICAN LIFE AND HISTORY; 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, DURING THE HEIGHT OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT, THAT 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 - THE BLACK FAMILY: REPRESENTATION, IDENTITY, AND DIVERSITY; AND
- WHEREAS,** THE BLACK FAMILY KNOWS NO SINGLE LOCATION SINCE FAMILY REUNIONS AND GENETIC-ANCESTRY SEARCHES TESTIFY TO THE SPREAD OF FAMILY MEMBERS ACROSS STATES, NATIONS, AND CONTINENTS; AND
- WHEREAS,** NOT ONLY ARE INDIVIDUAL BLACK FAMILIES DIASPORIC, BUT AFRICA AND THE DIASPORA ITSELF HAVE BEEN LONG PORTRAYED AS THE BLACK FAMILY AT LARGE. WHILE THE ROLE OF THE BLACK FAMILY HAS BEEN DESCRIBED BY SOME AS A MICROCOSM OF THE ENTIRE RACE, ITS COMPLEXITY AS THE “FOUNDATION” OF AFRICAN AMERICAN LIFE AND HISTORY CAN BE SEEN IN NUMEROUS DEBATES OVER HOW TO REPRESENT ITS MEANING AND TYPICALITY FROM A HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE—AS SLAVE OR FREE, AS PATRIARCHAL OR MATRIARCHAL/MATRIFOCA; AND
- WHEREAS,** A SINGLE-HEADED OR DUAL-HEADED HOUSEHOLD, AS EXTENDED OR NUCLEAR, AS FICTIVE KIN OR BLOOD LINEAGE, AS LEGAL OR COMMON LAW, AND AS BLACK OR INTERRACIAL, ETC. VARIATION APPEARS, AS WELL, IN DISCUSSIONS ON THE NATURE AND IMPACT OF PARENTING, CHILDHOOD, MARRIAGE, GENDER NORMS, SEXUALITY, AND INCARCERATION. THE FAMILY OFFERS A RICH TAPESTRY OF IMAGES FOR EXPLORING THE AFRICAN AMERICAN PAST AND PRESENT; NOW
- THEREFORE,** JOSH LEVY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, AND THE HOLLYWOOD CITY COMMISSION, HEREBY PROCLAIM FEBRUARY 2021, AS:

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

SIGNED THIS 3rd DAY OF
FEBRUARY 2021, AT
HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

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