

IN RECOGNITION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

FEBRUARY 2017

- 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 AMERICAN HISTORY IS RICH IN CENTURIES OLD EFFORTS OF RESISTANCE TO DENIAL OF ACCESS TO KNOWLEDGE, FROM THE RISE OF HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES TO LOCAL COMMUNITY-BASED ACADEMIC AND MENTORSHIP PROGRAMS; AND
- WHEREAS:** IMPLICATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE DENIAL OF ACCESS TO KNOWLEDGE, RESULTING FROM PERSISTENTLY IMPOSED RACIAL BARRIERS TO EDUCATION HAS PLAYED A CRUCIAL ROLE IN THE SUPPRESSION OF THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC GROWTH OF AFRICAN AMERICANS; AND
- WHEREAS:** IN 1915, DOCTOR CARTER G. WOODSON FOUNDED THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF AFRICAN AMERICAN LIFE AND HISTORY (ASALH) IN PART TO ADDRESS THE IMPLICATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE DENIAL OF ACCESS TO KNOWLEDGE; AND
- WHEREAS:** ASALH HAS CHOSEN "THE CRISIS IN BLACK EDUCATION" AS A THEME FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2017; AND
- WHEREAS:** THROUGHOUT THE LAST QUARTER OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY AND CONTINUING TODAY, THE CRISIS OF BLACK EDUCATION HAS GROWN SIGNIFICANTLY; AND
- WHEREAS:** PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN URBAN NEIGHBORHOODS LACK RESOURCES, ENDURE OVERCROWDING, AND EXHIBIT ACHIEVEMENT GAPS; AND
- WHEREAS:** EDUCATION REMAINS PARAMOUNT TO THE ADVANCEMENT OF ALL AMERICAN FAMILIES; AND
- WHEREAS:** IN HONOR OF THE 2017 NATIONAL BLACK HISTORY THEME, BARRY UNIVERSITY, LIBERIA ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, INC., AT&T PIONEERS, AND THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD'S AFRICAN AMERICAN ADVISORY COUNCIL, HAVE PARTNERED TO PROVIDE WORKSHOPS ON THE HISTORY OF EDUCATION WITHIN THE AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY AND EDUCATIONAL TOOLS MOVING FORWARD; NOW
- THEREFORE:** JOSH LEVY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, AND THE HOLLYWOOD CITY COMMISSION, HEREBY PROCLAIM FEBRUARY 2017, AS:

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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

SIGNED THIS 1st DAY OF
FEBRUARY 2017, AT
HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

MAYOR JOSH LEVY
VICE MAYOR TRACI L. CALLARI
COMMISSIONER DEBRA CASE
COMMISSIONER PETER D. HERNANDEZ
COMMISSIONER RICHARD S. BLATTNER
COMMISSIONER KEVIN D. BIEDERMAN
COMMISSIONER LINDA SHERWOOD