

IN RECOGNITION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH FEBRUARY 2019

- WHEREAS:** FEBRUARY IS NATIONAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH WHICH HONORS AFRICAN AMERICAN ACHIEVEMENTS AND RECOGNIZES THEIR SIGNIFICANT ROLES IN UNITED STATES HISTORY; 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 MIGRATIONS" WHICH EMPHASIZES THE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT TO NEW DESTINATIONS AND TO NEW SOCIAL REALITIES WITHIN THE UNITED STATES; AND
- WHEREAS:** DESPITE RACIAL PREJUDICES, AFRICAN AMERICANS CONSISTENTLY CARVED NEW PLACES IN PUBLIC LIFE TO CREATE A CULTURE THAT WOULD HAVE ENORMOUS INFLUENCE IN SOCIETY. THESE PATTERNS RESULTED IN THE CHANGE OF SOCIAL ENVIRONMENTS WITH THE EMERGENCE OF BLACK ENTREPRENEURS, CHURCHES, NEW RELIGIONS, NEW CUISINE, NEW MUSIC, AND NEW VISUAL AND LITERARY ARTS. THE MOVEMENT WITHIN AND TO THE UNITED STATES HAS ALSO IMPACTED SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, POLITICS, SPORTS, AND ALL OTHER FORMS OF THE SOCIAL AND CULTURAL FOUNDATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES; AND
- WHEREAS:** THE STATE OF FLORIDA HAS HISTORICALLY BEEN A MAJOR DESTINATION FOR THE AFRO-CARIBBEAN WHO HAS HAD A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE CULTURE OF THE STATE. JAMES WELDON JOHNSON, THE SON OF BAHAMIAN NATIVES, WAS A CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST, NOTED EDUCATOR, LAWYER, DIPLOMAT AND SONGWRITER WHO COMPOSED THE LYRICS OF "LIFT EV'RY VOICE AND SING", POPULARLY KNOWN AS THE BLACK NATIONAL ANTHEM; AND
- WHEREAS:** MANY VERY INFLUENTIAL AFRICAN AMERICANS MIGRATED TO THE STATE OF FLORIDA RESULTING IN A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE STATE'S SOCIAL CONSTRUCT. MARY MCCLEOD BETHUNE MIGRATED FROM SOUTH CAROLINA TO FLORIDA BECOMING ONE OF AMERICA'S MOST NOTABLE EDUCATORS, AUTHORS, AND CIVIL RIGHTS LEADERS. ZORA NEALE HURSTON MIGRATED FROM ALABAMA TO FLORIDA WHERE SHE BEGAN CAREERS IN ANTHROPOLOGY, ETHNOGRAPHY, AND NOVEL WRITING. LATER SHE WOULD BECOME ONE OF THE CENTRAL FIGURES DURING THE HARLEM RENAISSANCE; AND
- WHEREAS:** IN HONOR OF THIS YEAR'S THEME, BARRY UNIVERSITY, THE LIBERIA ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, INC., AT&T PIONEERS, AND THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD'S AFRICAN AMERICAN ADVISORY COUNCIL HAVE PARTNERED TO PROVIDE A STUDY PANEL ON BLACK MIGRATION AND A SPOKEN WORD COMPETITION FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS; NOW
- THEREFORE:** JOSH LEVY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, AND THE HOLLYWOOD CITY COMMISSION, HEREBY PROCLAIM FEBRUARY 2019, AS:

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

SIGNED THIS 6th DAY OF
FEBRUARY 2019, AT
HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

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