

IN RECOGNITION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

FEBRUARY 2020

- WHEREAS,** FEBRUARY IS NATIONAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH WHICH HONORS AFRICAN AMERICAN ACHIEVEMENTS AND RECOGNIZES THEIR SIGNIFICANT ROLES IN UNITED STATES HISTORY; AND
- WHEREAS,** THE YEAR 2020 MARKS THE SESQUICENTENNIAL OF THE 15TH AMENDMENT GRANTING THE RIGHT OF AFRICAN AMERICAN MEN TO THE BALLOT, AND THE CENTENNIAL OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT GIVING WOMEN THE RIGHT TO VOTE; AND
- WHEREAS,** DESPITE THE RATIFICATION OF THE 15TH AMENDMENT IN 1870 AND THE 19TH AMENDMENT IN 1920, AFRICAN AMERICANS IN THE SOUTH FACED TREMENDOUS OBSTACLES TO VOTE. AS A RESULT, VERY FEW AFRICAN AMERICANS WERE REGISTERED VOTERS, AND HAD VERY LITTLE LOCAL OR NATIONAL POLITICAL POWER; AND
- WHEREAS,** THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1957 CREATED A CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION IN THE U.S. JUSTICE DEPARTMENT, AND AUTHORIZED THE U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL TO SEEK FEDERAL COURT INJUNCTIONS TO PROTECT THE VOTING RIGHTS OF AFRICAN AMERICANS; AND
- WHEREAS,** THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 1965 PROHIBITED VOTER DISCRIMINATION BASED ON RACE, COLOR, OR MEMBERSHIP IN A LANGUAGE MINORITY GROUP, APPOINTED FEDERAL EXAMINERS AND OUTLAWED LITERACY TESTS; AND
- WHEREAS,** THE NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION ACT OF 1993 ENHANCES VOTING OPPORTUNITIES FOR EVERY AMERICAN, MAKING IT EASIER FOR ALL CITIZENS TO REGISTER TO VOTE AND TO MAINTAIN THEIR REGISTRATION. TODAY, AFRICAN AMERICAN ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS AT THE LOCAL AND NATIONAL LEVELS HAVE ALTERED THE LANDSCAPE OF TRADITIONAL AND ALTERNATIVE POLITICAL PARTIES, AND CONTINUE THE ONGOING STRUGGLE TO PROTECT THE RIGHT TO VOTE FOR ALL AMERICANS; AND
- WHEREAS,** THIS YEAR'S THEME FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH IS "AFRICAN AMERICANS AND THE VOTE." IN HONOR OF THIS YEAR'S 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 A STUDY PANEL ON AFRICAN AMERICANS AND THE VOTE, 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 2020, AS:

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

SIGNED THIS 5th DAY OF
FEBRUARY 2020, AT
HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

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