

PROCLAMATION
of the
SEMINOLE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2023 AS
BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA

WHEREAS, Black History Month, or National African American History Month, was instituted in 1926 as Negro History Week by Dr. Carter G. Woodson of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History; and

WHEREAS, President Gerald R. Ford officially recognized Black History Month during the 1976 United States Bicentennial celebration as a time of great national significance to “honor the accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history”; and

WHEREAS, America is a melting pot of cultures and ethnicities; all part of the "Land of the Free"; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month fosters cultural awareness and understanding, while encouraging education about contributions made by Americans of color; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of Black History Month is a positive way to recognize and celebrate the culture and history of African Americans; and

WHEREAS, the contributions of African Americans have been vital to the growth and development of Seminole County; and

WHEREAS, Seminole County is proud to honor the contributions of African Americans in our county, state, and throughout our nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Seminole County Board of County Commissioners hereby proclaims the month of February 2023 as “Black History Month” in Seminole County, and encourages all residents to join in celebrating the importance of African Americans in our history.

ADOPTED this 24th day of January 2023

Amy Lockhart, Chairman
Seminole County Board of County Commissioners