

**PROCLAMATION**  
**of the**  
**SEMINOLE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2025 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**, the Association for the Study of African American Life and History has designated the theme of 2025’s Black History Month as “African Americans and Labor”; and

**WHEREAS**, this year’s theme underscores how African Americans have greatly contributed to the nation's economy throughout history by being involved in various labor sectors; and

**WHEREAS**, Seminole County is proud to honor the contributions of African Americans to the labor history of our Country, State and Nation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Seminole County Board of County Commissioners hereby proclaims the month of February 2025 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 11th day of February 2025

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**Jay Zembower, Chairman**  
**Seminole County Board of County Commissioners**