

**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

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**Amy Lockhart, Chairman**  
**Seminole County Board of County Commissioners**