

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Black History Month began in 1926 as part of an initiative by writer and educator Dr. Carter G. Woodson; and

WHEREAS, since 1976, every American president has proclaimed February as Black History Month, which will be observed and celebrated in our community with various activities; and

WHEREAS, this observance increases our awareness and knowledge of Black History and honors the many leaders and their contributions to our community and nation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr is honored in January for devoting his life to advancing equality, social justice, and opportunity for all, and challenged all Americans to participate in the never-ending work of building a more perfect union; and

WHEREAS, the month-long celebration provides us with the unique opportunity to further exemplify the spirit of unity by embracing diversity that has strengthened our city, state, and nation.

NOW THEREFORE, the City Commission of the City of Oakland Park, Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in it by the Charter hereby authorizes Mayor John Adornato to proclaim February 2017 as,

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Oakland Park, Florida, to be affixed this 18th day of January 2017.

By: _____
TIM LONERGAN, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
RENEE M. SHROUT, CMC, CITY CLERK