

*STATE OF FLORIDA
CITY OF OAKLAND PARK*

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, National Black Business Month was founded in 2004 by Frederick E. Jordan Sr. and John William Templeton to encourage and recognize the successes, milestones, and historical progress of Black businesses and entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, the Minority Business Development Agency reported in 2018, African American-owned employer firms contribute \$128 billion in U.S. economic output and 1.18 million jobs and 35% of all African American firms are owned by women and 56% of firms are owned by men; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland Park promotes and supports black-owned businesses to close the racial wealth gap in our community and throughout the country, and encourages the flourishing of local communities and culture and is committed to partnering with Chambers of Commerce and business associations throughout South Florida to work toward inclusion, empowerment, and support for black-owned enterprises.

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 Michael E. Carn to proclaim August 2022 as

BLACK BUSINESS MONTH

in the City of Oakland Park and calls upon all residents and visitors to continue efforts to create a world that is more just, equitable and prosperous for all.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Oakland Park, Florida, to be affixed this August 3, 2022.

BY: _____
MICHAEL E. CARN, MAYOR

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