

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY AS NATIONAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH.**

**WHEREAS**, Black History Month, celebrated during the month of February, originated in 1926 when Dr. Carter G. Woodson, a noted historian, set aside a special period in February to recognize the heritage and achievements of Black people in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, with the Civil Rights Movement and a growing awareness of black identity, Black History Week evolved to an annual, monthly celebration of achievements by Black Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of Black Americans in U.S. history; and

**WHEREAS**, many Black Americans lived, toiled, and died in obscurity, never achieving the recognition those individuals deserved, and yet paved the way for future generations to succeed; and

**WHEREAS**, Black History Month is a time to reflect on the struggles and victories of Black Americans throughout our country's history and to recognize their numerous contributions to this nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the contributions of Black Americans from all walks of life and their endeavors to learn and thrive throughout history and make unforgettable marks in our country as artists, scientists, educators, business people, influential thinkers, members of the faith community, athletes, and political and governmental leaders, reflects the greatness of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the theme of Black History Month for 2024, "African Americans and the Arts" explores the key influence African Americans have had in the fields of "visual and performing arts, literature, fashion, folklore, language, film, music, architecture, culinary and other forms of cultural expression; and

**WHEREAS**, to honor Black History Month, the Wolfsonian-FIU, one of Miami Beach's cultural anchors, launched the exhibition titled "Silhouettes: Image and Word in the Harlem Renaissance," an exploration of how the Harlem Renaissance portrayed Black culture in the 1920s, 30s and 40s, which focuses on how artists and writers worked together to create illustrated works that challenged stereotypes and changed perceptions around the world;

**WHEREAS**, in spite of generations of extraordinary progress, barriers still remain on the road to equal opportunity; and

**WHEREAS**, with hope and confidence about the path ahead, the Mayor and City Commissioners of Miami Beach recognize and honor national Black History Month.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA** that the Mayor and the City hereby recognize and honor the month of February as national Black History Month in the City of Miami Beach.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

**ATTEST:**

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Steven Meiner, Mayor

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Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Commissioner Alex J. Fernandez)

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FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION

  
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City Attorney

2-12-24  
Date