



COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
FROM: Commissioner Alex Fernandez
DATE: February 26, 2025
TITLE: REFERRAL TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS DEVELOPING A COMPREHENSIVE, CITYWIDE PLAN TO COMMEMORATE AND ELEVATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH ANNUALLY.

RECOMMENDATION

Please place on the February 26, 2025, City Commission meeting a referral to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee to discuss developing a comprehensive, citywide plan to honor and highlight Black History Month each February, beginning in 2026.

This plan should include, but not be limited to, the following elements:

- 1. Celebrating Black History and Role Models:** The committees are encouraged to propose initiatives that celebrate the contributions and achievements of Black individuals throughout history, including prominent figures who have shaped the cultural, social, and political landscape of our community and nation. This can involve educational programming, community events, and public art installations, among other things.
- 2. Supporting Black-Owned Businesses:** A significant component of the plan should involve supporting and elevating Black-owned businesses within the city. Initiatives could include efforts to increase visibility, foster patronage, and ensure these businesses have the resources and opportunities to thrive.
- 3. Consultation with the Black Affairs Advisory Committee:** It is essential that the plan incorporates active engagement with the Black Affairs Advisory Committee. Their guidance and perspective will be invaluable in ensuring the proposed initiatives are reflective of the committee's mission and goals and larger community.

As part of this referral, I would request the City Administration be prepared at Committee to discuss and provide feedback on this plan.

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

ANALYSIS

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Does this Ordinance require a Business Impact Estimate?
(FOR ORDINANCES ONLY)

If applicable, the Business Impact Estimate (BIE) was published on:
See BIE at: <https://www.miamibeachfl.gov/city-hall/city-clerk/meeting-notices/>

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

CONCLUSION

Applicable Area

Citywide

**Is this a "Residents Right to Know" item,
pursuant to City Code Section 2-17?**

No

**Is this item related to a G.O. Bond
Project?**

No

**Was this Agenda Item initially requested by a lobbyist which, as defined in Code Sec. 2-481,
includes a principal engaged in lobbying?** No

If so, specify the name of lobbyist(s) and principal(s):

Department

Office of Commissioner Alex Fernandez

Sponsor(s)

Commissioner Alex Fernandez

Co-sponsor(s)

Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt

Condensed Title

Ref: PSNQLC - Develop Citywide Plan for Annual Commemoration of Black History Month.
(Fernandez/Bhatt)

Previous Action (For City Clerk Use Only)