

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, influential thinkers, members of the faith community, athletes, and political and governmental leaders, such as Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman, Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, Malcolm X, Shirley Chisholm, Barack Obama, and countless others who have paved the way for progress; and

WHEREAS, despite 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 _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

Steven Meiner, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Commissioner Alex J. Fernandez)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION

City Attorney

2/18/2025
Date