

C7 T 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.

Applicable Area:

# MIAMI BEACH

## COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: City Attorney Ricardo J. Dopico

DATE: February 26, 2025

TITLE: 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.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

### **BACKGROUND/HISTORY**

### **ANALYSIS**

The attached Resolution was prepared at the request of the sponsor, Commissioner Alex Fernandez.

### **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

### **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-notice/>

### **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

### **CONCLUSION**

### **Applicable Area**

Citywide

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

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

No

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**

City Attorney

**Sponsor(s)**

Commissioner Alex Fernandez

**Co-sponsor(s)**

**Condensed Title**

Recognize February as National Black History Month. (Fernandez) CA

**Previous Action (For City Clerk Use Only)**

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

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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:**

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Steven Meiner, Mayor

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Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Commissioner Alex J. Fernandez)

APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney

2/18/2025  
Date