

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION 2023 - 170

**WHEREAS, LORENZO HAMILTON** was born in Marion County, Florida in 1938, and raised in Frostproof, Florida where he attended the public schools of Polk County and graduated from Roosevelt High School in Lake Wales, in 1961; and

**WHEREAS, LORENZO HAMILTON** attended Bethune Cookman College in Daytona Beach on a football scholarship and earned his bachelor's degree in physical education; and

**WHEREAS, LORENZO HAMILTON** was hired as Moton High School athletic director, science teacher, and head coach for football, and basketball by Principal John D. Floyd in 1965, positions he held until Moton's grades 10-12 were moved to Hernando High School in 1968; and

**WHEREAS, LORENZO HAMILTON** coordinated the Community Night on Wednesday evenings during the spring to bring the community together for an evening of social engagement: a car show, games, and music; and

**WHEREAS, LORENZO HAMILTON** served as director of the summer recreation program and enhanced the summer recreation youth baseball program to a more formal one that included uniforms and award banquets and moved the program from Moton High School field to Kennedy Park; and

**WHEREAS, LORENZO HAMILTON** vision for wholesome recreation for youth materialized with the addition of a traveling girls' softball team and regularly coordinated dances and other activities for the youth; and

**WHEREAS, in 1969, LORENZO HAMILTON** was promoted from a physical education teacher and coach to a coordinator of postsecondary education at Hernando High School until he completed his master's degree and then to assistant principal; and

**WHEREAS, LORENZO HAMILTON** served as the first principal for Frank W. Springstead High School in Spring Hill, Florida; and

**WHEREAS, LORENZO HAMILTON** mentored hundreds of youths and was responsible for multiple boys receiving athletic scholarships to continue their education in college including National Football League Players, Ricky Feacher and Curtiss Bunch; and

**WHEREAS, LORENZO HAMILTON** was a founding member of the Hernando County Community Alliance which was formed in response to the death of Russell Coates as a means of bridging the racial divide in the county; and

**WHEREAS, LORENZO HAMILTON** was the founding sponsor for Kennedy Youth Club (KYC) a quasi-community-school based Black student empowerment and cultural organization in 1971 that sponsored the Maulty Moore Day. Maulty is a Moton High School and Bethune Cookman College graduate and a member of both Miami Dolphins Super Bowl Championship teams; and

**WHEREAS, LORENZO HAMILTON** was a founding member of the Hernando County Professional Organization that sponsored the Ricky Feacher Day and many other community activities; and

**WHEREAS, LORENZO HAMILTON** retired as a school administrator in Hernando County after approximately 40 years of service; and

**WHEREAS, LORENZO HAMILTON** always used the Neighborhood Youth Corps, the youth employment program that was part of President Johnson's Great Society, to mentor and teach youth employability and leadership skills; and

**WHEREAS, LORENZO HAMILTON** was responsible for coordinating the first Black History Assembly at Hernando High School in Hernando County in 1971 during the school desegregation; and

**WHEREAS, LORENZO HAMILTON** was the founding coordinator of the Human Relations Club at Hernando High School, which placed emphasis on understanding and respect for one another; and

**WHEREAS, the Kennedy Park Community Center** was renamed the Lorenzo Hamilton Community Center in his honor of the service he rendered to the citizens of Hernando County; and

**WHEREAS, LORENZO HAMILTON** made his earthly transition into eternity on October 4, 2022; and

**WHEREAS, the community will commemorate LORENZO HAMILTON'S** Life and Legacy with a Legacy Breakfast and Summer Fun Festival at Kennedy Park on his 85th birthdate, Saturday, August 26, 2023.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HERNANDO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** The Board of County Commissioners hereby proclaim August 26, 2023, as **LORENZO HAMILTON'S LIFE AND LEGACY DAY** in Hernando County.

**SECTION 2.** The Board of County Commissioners urges all citizens to join and pay tribute to the life and works of **LORENZO HAMILTON** and apply his life teachings of service to inspire others to serve and remember his spirit of community.

**ADOPTED** in Regular Session this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August 2023, A.D.


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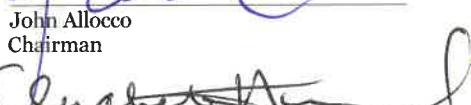
Attest:

  
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