

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA**

RESOLUTION 2026 –

WHEREAS, the observance of **BLACK HISTORY MONTH** was proposed in February 1926 by Carter Goodwin Woodson, an author and Harvard-trained historian; and

WHEREAS, as we celebrate the 50th year of **BLACK HISTORY MONTH**, we reflect on the many sacrifices and great contributions African Americans have made to our country; and

WHEREAS, throughout our history, African Americans have courageously worn our Nation's uniform while defending peace and liberty around the globe, and as of present, there are more than 2 million black veterans; and

WHEREAS, African American patriots broke down racial barriers and inspired our Nation to make good on the promise of equal justice under the law; educators transformed the academic world with the goal of ensuring that every child has access to a good education; and athletes and entertainers have brought pride and joy to generations of Americans; and

WHEREAS, today, the accomplishments of African Americans in every aspect of our society continues to encourage people to reach as far as their vision and dreams may take them; and

WHEREAS, as we celebrate **BLACK HISTORY MONTH**, we reaffirm our commitment to build a society where every person can achieve the promise of this great country, and reinforce America's highest ideals – our respect for diversity, community and freedom; and

WHEREAS, this year, the Association for the Study of African American Life and History designates a theme for the year's **BLACK HISTORY MONTH**. For 2026, the theme is,

“A Century of Black History Commemorations”

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

SECTION 1. The Board of County Commissioners hereby proclaim February 2026 as **BLACK HISTORY MONTH** in Hernando County.

SECTION 2. The Board of County Commissioners urge all public officials, educators, librarians, and its citizens to observe this month with appropriate ceremonies, activities and programs in honor of the many achievements and contributions made by African Americans to our economic, cultural, spiritual and political development.

ADOPTED in Regular Session this 29th day of January 2026, A.D.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Attest:

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