

**Before the Board of County Commissioners
Martin County, Florida**

A Proclamation

Declaring Black History Month in Martin County, Florida

Whereas, in 1926, historian Dr. Carter G. Woodson established what would become Black History Month to bring special acknowledgement and awareness of African American accomplishments, contributions and history as well as their impact on the shaping of America; and

Whereas, the African American community has endured decades of struggle to be recognized as equal among our fellow citizens and has persevered through hate and bigotry to stand up for their rights and the basic rights we are all entitled to: life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; and

Whereas, the theme for 2026, “A Century of Black History Commemorations,” marks 100 years of celebrating Black history and the role these commemorations have played in American culture, and encourages exploration of how Black history and life celebrations have helped shape and transform the modern world.

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed by the Martin County Board of County Commissioners that February 2026 is Black History Month in Martin County, Florida. Further, the Board is proud to honor the history, contributions and achievements of African Americans throughout our community, state and Nation.

Presented this Tenth Day of February 2026

ATTEST:

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