



CITY OF DELRAY BEACH



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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS *Black History Month* is observed in February of every year; and

WHEREAS, *Black History Month* seeks to emphasize Black history and its cultural contributions to American life, and is designed to recognize and pay tribute to the many contributions of African Americans to the history, society and culture of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, *Black History Month* celebrates the achievements of African Americans in the Arts, Civil Rights, Education, Entertainment, Government, History, Law, Literature, Medicine, Military, Music, Politics, Science, Sports, and other endeavors; and

WHEREAS, *Black History Month is the time to highlight and reflect on national Civil Rights Leaders and pioneers that changed the course of history*; such as Martin Luther King Jr; Shirley Chisholm, the first African American woman elected to Congress, Katherine G. Johnson, one of NASA's human computers who performed the complex calculations that enabled humans to successfully achieve space flight; and Barack Obama, the first African American to be elected President; and

WHEREAS *Black History Month also allows us the opportunity to recognize the life and contributions of local African American heroes in Delray Beach*, such as Soloman David Spady, C. Spencer Pompey, Vera Farrington, Susan Williams, Mary Cohen, Beatrice "Pet" Rolle, William Robinson, Clarence Walker, Elizabeth Wesley to name a few and our cultural institutions such as the Spady Cultural Heritage Museum.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Thomas F. Carney, Jr., Mayor of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, on behalf of the City Commission, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2026 as:

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

and encourage all our residents to join in this recognition of the accomplishments and contributions made to our community and country by African Americans.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 3rd day of February 2026.

Thomas F. Carney, Jr.
Mayor