



**HISTORIC TOWN OF EATONVILLE, FLORIDA**  
**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
**FEBRUARY 6, 2023, AT 7:30 PM**  
**Cover Sheet**

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**ITEM TITLE:** Approval of Resolution #2024- 3 standing in solidarity and allyship in its desire to house the State of Florida’s First African American History Museum (**Administration**)

**TOWN COUNCIL ACTION:**

<b>PROCLAMATIONS, AWARDS, AND PRESENTATIONS</b>		<b>Department:</b> ADMINISTRATION
<b>PUBLIC HEARING 1<sup>ST</sup> / 2<sup>ND</sup> READING</b>		<b>Exhibits:</b> Resolution #2024- 3
<b>CONSENT AGENDA</b>	YES	
<b>COUNCIL DECISION</b>		
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE</b>		

**REQUEST:** Staff request town council approve Resolution #2024- 3 standing in solidarity and allyship in its desire to house the State of Florida’s First African American History Museum.

**SUMMARY:** Resolution #2024-3 is being present to Town Council for the solidarity and allyship in its desire to house the State of Florida’s First African American History Museum. On May 11, 2023, Governor Ron DeSantis signed into law CS/CS/HB 1441 (Chapter 2023-72, Laws of Florida) relating to a Florida Museum of Black History Task Force. The bill created a nine-member task force to provide recommendations for the planning, construction, operation, and administration of a Florida Museum of Black History. The Department of State, Division of Historical Resources, Bureau of Historical Museums showcases Florida’s rich history and culture and tells the story of this great state. The Historic Town of Eatonville, incorporated in 1887, is the oldest incorporated African American Municipality in the nation; and, still exists today. The story of the Town of Eatonville is a rich story of African American freedmen who had the foresight to create a space to live, work, and play while creating a history of economic growth and sustainability. Having the state’s first African American History Museum be located within a town (The Town of Eatonville) that represents living history, is the strongest story that can be told and the sincerest legacy that can be created.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends town council approve Resolution #2024- 3 standing in solidarity and allyship in its desire to house the State of Florida’s First African American History Museum.

**FISCAL & EFFICIENCY DATA:** N/A