

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Carter G. Woodson, founder of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, initiated Negro History (ASNLH) week in 1926, which grew into Black History Month during the 1970s; and

**WHEREAS,** The ASNLH was renamed in later years to The Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH). The Association for the Study of African American Life and History organization announces the 2021 Black History Theme, “The Black Family: Representation, Identity, and Diversity”; and

**WHEREAS,** Black History Month is so designated to recognize, honor and record the historical contributions and achievements made by Blacks in the Armed Forces, Architecture, Arts, Business, Civil Rights, Economics, Education, Entertainment, Exploration, History, Law, Literature, Medicine, Music, Politics, Science and Sports; and

**WHEREAS,** February is nationally designated as Black History Month, and is annually set aside for all Americans to focus on the significant role African Americans have played in our Country’s history and in the shaping of our nation and culture; and

**WHEREAS,** the Green Cove Springs City Council wishes to maintain and promote harmonious inter-cultural relations and highlight the rich ethnic and cultural diversity throughout the City of Green Cove Springs and Clay County.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:***

***Section 1.*** The City Council hereby proclaims the month of February 2021 as “**Black History Month**” in the City Green Cove Springs and urges all citizens to join the Green Cove Springs City Council in celebrating February as Black History Month each year, and to share in the spirit of the Month and take part in related activities that reflect the goals of Black History Month.

***Section 2.*** A true copy of this Proclamation shall be spread upon the Official Minutes of the City Council of the City of Green Cove Springs.

***DONE AND PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, IN REGULAR SESSION THIS 2<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2021.***

***CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA***



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B. Van Royal, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Erin West, City Clerk