

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, founder of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, established Negro History Week in 1926, which expanded into Black History Month in the 1970s; and

**WHEREAS**, the organization was later renamed the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), which announces an annual national theme for Black History Month, with the 2026 theme being “A Century of Black History Commemorations”; and

**WHEREAS**, Black History Month is designated to recognize, honor, and celebrate the profound historical contributions and achievements of African Americans in fields including 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 recognized as Black History Month, a time set aside for all Americans to reflect upon the vital role African Americans have played in our nation's history and in shaping its culture and identity; 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 is committed to fostering harmonious intercultural relations and celebrating the rich ethnic and cultural diversity within the City of Green Cove Springs.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Daniel M. Johnson, Mayor of the City of Green Cove Springs, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2026 as “**Black History Month**” in the City of Green Cove Springs and urge all citizens to join in observing February as Black History Month each year, embracing its spirit and participating in activities that advance its meaningful goals.

**DONE AND PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, THIS 20TH DAY OF JANUARY 2026.**



CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA

  
Daniel M. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Erin West, City Clerk