

# Proclamation

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH FEBRUARY 2026

- WHEREAS,** *This month we celebrate our American history and the contributions of African heritage; and*
- WHEREAS,** *We recognize the heritage and achievements of African culture. The contributions African culture has made and continues to make is an integral part of our society, and the history of Americans of African descent exemplifies the resilience and innovative spirit that continue to make our Nation great; and*
- WHEREAS,** *For generations, Americans of African heritage and African culture has embodied the shared progress of our Nation. Through toil and struggle and with courageous actions that have broken barriers, they have made America a better place to live and work for everybody. From native African Kings and Queens to Americans of African descent such as Harriet Tubman, Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King Jr., and Barack Obama; and*
- WHEREAS,** *We share a rich cultural history which embodies valuable cultural contributions from Africa through its cultural norms and Americans of African descent. The strength and determination of men and women like these remind us that our Nation brims with people whose contributions continue to make it stronger and better; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Our success historically, presently, and as we embark on our future, requires the continued commitment and contributions of our citizens and fellow Americans of African descent. We continue this journey toward a stronger, more united Nation, let us use this commemoration of American History to celebrate the contributions made from African heritage and culture; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Let us also use this month to serve as a reminder of the need for continued meaningful dialogue and shared commitment to collective action that uplifts and empowers, as well as of the strength, ingenuity, and perseverance required of us in the years to come because we have learned from the opportunities of our past and know that we are stronger together*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mayor Noah Walker, of the City of Lake City, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2026 as the Month to Celebrate American History and the Era of African Heritage in the City of Lake City and in so doing urge all citizens to join me in observing this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

*In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February 2026.*



Seal of the City of Lake City  
State of Florida

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Noah Walker, Mayor  
City of Lake City