

**PROCLAMATION  
2021-018**

**A PROCLAMATION OF THE LEVY COUNTY BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RECOGNIZING THE MONTH  
OF FEBRUARY, 2021 AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH AND  
RECOGNIZING AFRICAN AMERICAN ACHIEVEMENTS.**

**WHEREAS**, National African American History Month origins began in 1915 by Dr. Carter G. Woodson who initiated the first Negro History Week in February, 1926 which grew out of the establishment of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1975, President Gerald Ford issued a *Message on the Observance of Black History Week*, urging Americans to recognize the important contributions made to our nation's life and culture by Black Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1986 Congress passed Public Law 99-244 designating February 1986 as "National Black (Afro-American) History Month"; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2021 national theme for the observance is "The Black Family: Representation, Identity and Diversity"; and

**WHEREAS**, Levy County strives to close the equity and outcome gaps for its Black African American citizens through policies and practices that reflect the experiences of Black African Americans throughout our community ; and

**WHEREAS**, Levy County is committed to equity and inclusion of all Black African Americans and recognizes the achievements of Black African Americans to our lifestyles and cultures; and

**WHEREAS**, Levy County recognizes that our community is better for the contributions made by our Black African American citizens and strives to ensure greater access and opportunity and to honor history, heritage and contributions of our Black African American citizens.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Levy County Board of County Commissioners, hereby recognizes the

**FEBRUARY 2021 AS BLACK AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH**

**DULY ADOPTED THIS** 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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John Meeks, Chairman

**ATTESTED:** Clerk of the Circuit Court  
and Ex-Officio Clerk to the Board

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Danny Shipp

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:**

*Arnie Bast Brown*  
Arnie Bast Brown, County Attorney

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