

WHEREAS: February has been designated as Black History

Month and will be observed and celebrated in our

community; and

WHEREAS: this observance increases our awareness and

knowledge of Black History and honors the many

leaders and their contributions to our nation; and

WHEREAS: since1976, every American President has proclaimed

February as Black History Month; and

WHEREAS: this month-long celebration provides us with an

opportunity to promote a spirit of unity and embrace

the diversity that has strengthened our nation; and

WHEREAS: the National Theme for the celebration of Black

History Month in the year 2020 is "African Americans and the Vote," recognizing the struggle for voting rights among both black men and women throughout American history. It is an ongoing struggle for people of color that continues into the

21st century; and

WHEREAS: on the 91st anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King

Jr.'s birth, let us reflect on his words and vision, and consider what each of us can do today to help keep

his dream alive.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Rex Hardin, Mayor of the City of Pompano Beach, on behalf of the City Commission and residents, do hereby proclaim February 2020 as:

## **BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

Done, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.

REX HARDIN MAYOR