

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 2024 is "African Americans and the Arts." African Americans have made many impacts on visual arts, music, cultural movement and more. African American art is infused with African, Caribbean, and the Black American lived experiences. Drawn from their ancestors' ancient rites of passage and the shared hopes of liberty, Black artists continue to fuse the rhythmic cadence of creative expressions with the pulsating beats of progress; and
- WHEREAS: on the 95th 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 2024 as:

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

in the City of Pompano Beach.

Done, this 23rd day of February, 2024.



REX HARDIN MAYOR