

- 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 2017 is "The Crisis in Black Education," which focuses on the crucial role of education in the history of African-Americans; and
- WHEREAS: on the 88th 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, Lamar Fisher, Mayor of the City of Pompano Beach, on behalf of the City Commission and residents, do hereby proclaim February 2017 as:

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Done, this 10th day of February, 2017.

LAMAR FISHER MAYOR