

**DECLARING FEBRUARY 2021 AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, *Black History Month* is observed in February of each year; and

**WHEREAS**, *Black History Month* is a time to celebrate the contributions that African Americans have made to U.S. history in their struggles for freedom and equality, and deepens our understanding of our nation's history and calls our attention to the continued need to battle racism and build a society that lives up to its democratic ideals; and

**WHEREAS**, *Black History Month* allows us an opportunity to recognize the heroes of African American history including Dr. Carter G. Woodson, on February 12, 1926, Dr. Woodson initiated Black History Week, which for many years was celebrated on the second week of February to coincide with the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln; in 1976, Black History Week was expanded and became established as Black History Month; and

**WHEREAS**, *Black History Month* not only celebrates these remarkable figures, who have made tremendous strides to improve the lives of African Americans, but it is also a celebration of various other individuals. Individuals that have contributed immensely towards all facets of our society. Furthermore, it especially recognizes those who have paved the way to obtain and maintain civil rights and bridge the gap of divide that so plagued this nation in times past; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Riviera Beach wishes to celebrate and honor the abundant sacrifices of African Americans throughout the history of America, whose contributions have led the way for freedom from oppression and the ability to achieve life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all African Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Riviera Beach observes *Black History Month* and calls our Nation's attention to the continual need to battle racism and to build a society that lives up to its democratic ideals.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that I, Ronnie Felder, Mayor of the City of Riviera Beach, through the powers vested in me by the residents of this great City, do hereby formally recognize the day that all members of the City of Riviera Beach community be encouraged to honor and celebrate *Black History Month* by recognizing the accomplishments of African Americans throughout history.

**IN WITNESS THEREFORE**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Riviera Beach to be affixed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2021, A.D.

**ATTEST:**

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**Ronnie Felder, Mayor**

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**Claudene L. Anthony, CMC, City Clerk**