



Proclamation

WHEREAS, In 1976, Black History Month was formally adopted to honor and affirm the importance of Black History throughout our American experience; and

WHEREAS, The history of people of African heritage goes back thousands of years and includes some of the greatest, most advanced and innovative societies in the history of human existence that we can all draw inspiration from; and

WHEREAS, From the early days of the pioneers to our present day leaders, African Americans have played a significant role in the history of Florida State's economic, cultural, spiritual and political development; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month is a time for all Americans to remember the stories and teachings of those who helped build our nation, took a stance against prejudice to build lives of dignity and opportunity, advanced the cause of civil rights, and strengthened families and communities; and

WHEREAS, During Black History Month all Americans are encouraged to reflect on past successes and challenges of African Americans and look to the future to continue to improve society so that we live up to the ideals of freedom, equity, and justice.

Now, Therefore, the City Commission of the City of Ocoee, does hereby declare the month of February 2018 as

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Throughout the City of Ocoee and encourage the citizens of Ocoee, organizations, schools, and places of worship in our city to commemorate Black History Month.

Hereunto **IN WITNESS**
WHEREOF, I have set my hand
and caused the Seal of the
City of Ocoee, Florida to be
affixed this 6th Day of February,
2018.

Rusty Johnson, Mayor