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## Ocoee Celebrates Black History Month

**OCOEE, Fla.** – In recognition of Black History Month, the City of Ocoee issued a proclamation at its City Commission meeting held on February 1. The proclamation reads in part, “Black History Month serves as a celebration of African American achievements and the crucial role they had in American history, as well as a time to recognize the severe adversity generations of Black Americans had to overcome to achieve legitimate citizenship in our society.”

The city is holding its 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Black History Month Essay Contest. The essay competition is open to 5<sup>th</sup> grade students that attend Ocoee schools. The theme for the essay contest is “Connecting Through Diversity in an Isolated Environment to Support Positive Mental Health.” The overall winner will be awarded a \$300 gift card from Best Buy. First place winners will receive a \$100 gift card from Best Buy. A virtual essay awards ceremony will be held on February 24 at 7 p.m. The ceremony will be broadcast on Ocoee TV Spectrum Channel 493 and a livestream at <https://www.ocoee.org/197/Ocoee-TV>.

Ocoee TV is airing past essay award ceremonies and the segments may be viewed on the city’s [YouTube](#) channel. Biographical portraits of notable African-Americans are displayed at City Hall and Ocoee Celebrates Diversity pole banners are stationed along Clarke Road from White Road to Silver Star Road.

For more information, call 407-905-3100.

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