# PROCLAMATION
# BLACK HISTORY MONTH
# FEBRUARY 2021

**WHEREAS**, in 1926, historian Dr. Carter G. Woodson, established what would become Black History Month to bring special acknowledgement and awareness of African American accomplishments, contributions, and history in the shaping of America; and

**WHEREAS**, the African American community has endured decades of struggle to be recognized as equal among our fellow citizens and has persevered through hate and bigotry to stand up for their rights and the basic rights we are all entitled to: life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2021 theme selected for Black History Month is The Black Family: Representation, Identity, and Diversity. "Its representation, identity, and diversity have been reverenced, stereotyped, and vilified from the days of slavery to our own time. The black family knows no single location, since family reunions and genetic-ancestry searches testify to the spread of family members across states, nations, and continents."; and

**WHEREAS**, the observance of Black History Month calls us into celebration and acknowledgement of the undeniable contributions of Black Americans and it also calls our attention to the ever-present systemic racism and oppression embedded in our institutions and everyday life and the continued need to work to build an equitable and just society; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Stuart is proud to honor the history, contributions, and achievements of African Americans in our community, throughout our State, and our Nation.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** in recognition of African Americans, past and present, in the City of Stuart, I, EULA R. CLARKE, Mayor for the City of Stuart, do hereby proclaim February 2021 as Black History Month, and encourage all residents to celebrate the diverse heritage and culture and continue the efforts to create a world that is more just, peaceful, and prosperous for all.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Stuart Florida to be affixed this 8th day of February, 2021.

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EULA R. CLARKE
MAYOR