



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, during Black History Month, we celebrate the many achievements and contributions made by African-Americans to our economic, cultural, spiritual, and political development; and

WHEREAS, established by American historian Carter G. Woodson, the original celebration of Black History Week was observed on February 12, 1926. In 1976, as part of the nation's bicentennial, the week was expanded to a month; and

WHEREAS, the Black History Month 2021 theme, "Black Family: Representation, Identity and Diversity" explores the African diaspora, and the spread of Black families across the United States; and

WHEREAS, our Country's and State's black leaders and Cocoa's own esteemed African American citizens of past and present continue to forage through these times, building our nation and improving our city making it a better place for all to live and thrive; and

WHEREAS, it is also important to remember those civil rights pioneers like Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Rosa Parks, who broke down racial barriers and inspired our nation, as well as the Reverend C.K. Steele of Tallahassee, Harry and Harriette Moore of Brevard County, Reverend H.K. Matthews of Pensacola, and other leaders who worked to promote justice and equal rights for all Americans regardless of race; and

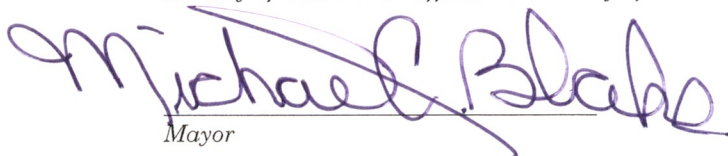
WHEREAS, as we celebrate Black History Month, we recognize the many contributions of African-Americans to our country and recommit to being a nation of opportunity and hope for every citizen.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Michael C. Blake, on behalf of the City Council of the City of Cocoa, Florida, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2021 as:

"Black History Month"



WHEREFORE, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Cocoa to be affixed this 1st day of February, 2021.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk