

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-R-17**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR ALL OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, in 1776, people envisioned the United States as a new nation dedicated to the proposition stated in the Declaration of Independence that “all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness . . .”; and

**WHEREAS**, Africans were first brought involuntarily to the shores of the United States as early as the 17th century and suffered enslavement and subsequently faced the injustices of lynch mobs, segregation, and denial of the basic and fundamental rights of citizenship; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2021, the vestiges of those injustices and inequalities remain evident in the society of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, in the face of injustices, people of good will and of all races in the United States have distinguished themselves with a commitment to the noble ideals on which the United States was founded and have fought courageously for the rights and freedom of African Americans and others; and

**WHEREAS**, the contributions of African Americans from all walks of life throughout the history of the United States reflect the greatness of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, African Americans continue to serve the United States at the highest levels of business, government, and the military; and

**WHEREAS**, Black History Month, celebrated during the month of February, originated in 1926 when Dr. Carter G. Woodson set aside a special period in February to recognize the heritage and achievements of Black people in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami recognize the importance of commemorating Black History Month as it acknowledges the achievements of

African Americans throughout our Nation's history and encourages the continuation of its celebration to raise the awareness of this community's accomplishments for all Americans.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:**


**Section 1. Designation.** That the City of North Miami hereby designates the month of February as Black History Month.

**Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by a 5-0 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this 9th day of February, 2021.

  
PHILIPPE BIEN-AIME  
MAYOR

ATTEST :   
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VANESSA JOSEPH, ESQ.  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:  
  
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JEFF P. H. CAZEAU, ESQ.  
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: COUNCILWOMAN ESTIMÉ-IRVIN

Moved by: Galvin

Seconded by: Estimé-Irvin

**Vote:**

Mayor Philippe Bien-Aime	<u>  X  </u>	(Yes)	<u>      </u>	(No)
Vice-Mayor Scott Galvin	<u>  X  </u>	(Yes)	<u>      </u>	(No)
Councilwoman Carol Keys, Esq.	<u>  X  </u>	(Yes)	<u>      </u>	(No)
Councilwoman Mary Estimé-Irvin	<u>  X  </u>	(Yes)	<u>      </u>	(No)
Councilman Alix Desulme, Ed.D.	<u>  X  </u>	(Yes)	<u>      </u>	(No)