

## **Proclamation Black History Month 2015**

**WHEREAS,** Black history is an integral part of American history because African Americans played an essential role in building and shaping this great country; therefore, February is nationally recognized as Black History Month; and

**WHEREAS,** the original precursor to the title Black History Month was the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, founded in 1915 by Carter G. Woodson, an African American historian, author and journalist; and

**WHEREAS,** throughout Black History Month, we recognize the extraordinary achievements and acknowledge the many contributions and sacrificial offerings African Americans have made to our nation and the world; and

**WHEREAS,** the story of African Americans is a story of resilience and perseverance with contributions being made in all areas including education, medicine, science, technology, the space program, art, public service, the military, business, politics, human and civil rights, science, engineering, sports, entertainment and much more; and

**WHEREAS,** this year's Black History Month theme, "A Century of Black Life, History, and Culture," celebrates achievements of the last 100 years of African American history; however, it is known that the history of African Americans dates back many years before; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Orlando embraces its diversity and acknowledges the invaluable contributions of its African American residents and visitors as we celebrate Black History Month;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, BUDDY DYER,** Mayor of the City of Orlando, hereby do proclaim the month of February 2015 as

**"BLACK HISTORY MONTH"**

in the City of Orlando

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto have set my hand  
and caused the Seal of the City of Orlando to be affixed  
this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February 2015.