

**Proclamation  
Black History Month 2017**

**WHEREAS**, Black history is an integral part of American history because African Americans have played an essential role in building and shaping this great country; and

**WHEREAS**, Black History Month is celebrated each February and was originated by 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 African Americans have made in our nation, our state and our city; 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, aerospace, art, public service, the military, business, politics, human and civil rights, engineering, sports, entertainment and more; 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; and

**WHEREAS**, as a “City for Everyone,” Orlando has a long history of establishing partnerships which have supported the development of programs and organizations which are built on the foundation of compassion and that foster compassion in our city;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, BUDDY DYER**, Mayor of the City of Orlando, hereby do proclaim the month of February 2017 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of February 2017.