

RESOLUTION NO. 2005- R \_\_\_\_\_

**THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ON THE 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, A.D. 2005**

**WHEREAS**, we owe the celebration of Black History Month to Dr. Carter G. Woodson. He was born to parents who were former slaves, spent his childhood working in Kentucky coal mines, enrolled in high school when he was twenty, graduated two years later and went on to earn a Ph.D. from Harvard. In 1926 he launched an initiative to bring national attention to the contributions of black people throughout American History.

**WHEREAS**, the month of February was chosen because it marks the birthdays of two men who greatly influenced the black American population, Frederick Douglas and Abraham Lincoln; and

**WHEREAS**, we pay tribute to some of the great black Americans who have helped shape who we are as a nation such as Hank Aaron, Mohammad Ali, Maya Angelou, Louis Armstrong, Chuck Berry, George Washington Carver, Nat King Cole, Ossie Davis, Sammy Davis Jr., Duke Ellington, Medgar Evers, Michael Jordan, Martin Luther King, Jr., Thurgood Marshall, Jesse Owens, Rosa Parks, Colin Powell, Jackie Robinson, Dred Scott, and Booker T. Washington; and

**WHEREAS**, along with civil rights laws, Black History Month should be the reaffirmation of our determination to change attitudes and heighten the understanding of the African-American experience, and a challenge to the present generation to protect and preserve the humanity of all people; and

**WHEREAS**, we all would find strength in celebrating our differences by taking the things that set us apart and make them an occasion to compliment each other and be thankful for each other; and

**WHEREAS**, Seminole County embraces the belief that people of all races, cultures, and walks of life make important contributions to the well-being of our society.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of County Commissioners of Seminole County, Florida, hereby proclaims the month of February as

**“BLACK HISTORY MONTH”**

**ADOPTED** this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2005 A.D..

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**ATTEST:**

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Maryanne Morse, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners Seminole County, State of Florida

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Carlton D. Henley, Chairman Board of County Commissioners

Date: \_\_\_\_\_