## RESOLUTION NO. 2023-005

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DECLARING FEBRUARY 2023 AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA.

WHEREAS, Black History Month is an annual observance created to focus attention on the contributions of African Americans to the United States; and

WHEREAS, noted historian, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, announced the second week of February as "Negro History Week" in 1926 in order to increase public awareness and appreciation of the important role that African-Americans have played in shaping America's history; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, the Association for the Study of African American Life and History expanded the commemoration from a week-long observance to a month-long celebration; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month seeks to emphasize Black history and its cultural contributions to American life, and is designed to recognize and pay tribute to the many contributions to the history, society and culture of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month celebrates the achievements of African Americans in Arts, Civil Rights, Conservation, Education, Entertainment, Government, History, Law, Literature, Medicine, Military, Music, Politics, Science, Sports, and other endeavors; and

WHERES, African Americans have played an important part in Nassau County's history; and

WHEREAS, as we enter Black History Month, Nassau County residents are encouraged to familiarize themselves with black history by visiting a local museum such as the A.L. Lewis Museum at American Beach, the Amelia Island Museum of History, or the West Nassau Museum of History. Residents are also encouraged to celebrate by participating in black history events throughout the community and reviewing educational resources available at the museums and Nassau County Public Library.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 13th day of February, 2023, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, that:

- The Board proclaims the month of February 2023 as Black History Month in Nassau County, Florida.
- 2. The Board celebrates Nassau County's diverse heritage and culture and will continue its efforts to create a community that is peaceful and prosperous for all.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

KLYNT A. FARMER

Its: Chairman

Attest as to Chairman's signature:

JOHN A. CRAWFORD Its: Ex-Officio Clerk Approved as to form by the Nassau County Attorney:

DENISE C. MAY