

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Black History Month is celebrated throughout the United States of America during the month of February; and

WHEREAS, recognition began in 1926 as a program to encourage the study of African American history to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, and was officially expanded to the entire month of February by President Gerald Ford in 1976; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month is a testament to generations of Africans brought to America and enslaved who, in the face of daily adversity and galvanized by the promise of freedom, strived for equality by exercising strength, endurance, enterprise, and patriotism, while often times being denied the promises guaranteed in the U. S. Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Black History Month Recognition Banquet will be held on Saturday, February 22, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Hernando County Shrine Club, 13400 Montour St., Brooksville. This year, Black History Month Productions, Inc., has chosen to recognize and honor the life and legacy of a phenomenal centenarian, our very own Ebony Queen, Sister Eloise Larry Wright, at this community-based event; and

WHEREAS, the Honoree has resided in, and contributed to, the history of Hernando County some 91 of her illustrious years, steadfastly dedicating her undisputed life and legacy to be forever etched in the annuals of Hernando County's rich and enduring history. Her life has always been guided by her unshakeable faith in God and her enduring love and dedication to her beloved family and community.

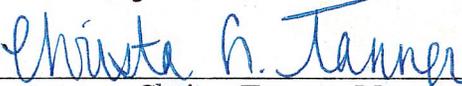
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we the Undersigned City Council for and On Behalf of the City of Brooksville takes pride in recognizing February 2025, as

Black History Month

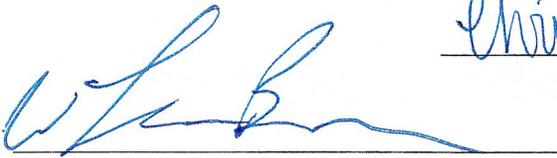
and call upon the people of the City of Brooksville to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities and reflections in conjunction with honoring the life and legacy of Queen Eloise.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto set our hand and caused the seal of the City of Brooksville to be affixed this 3rd day of February, 2025.

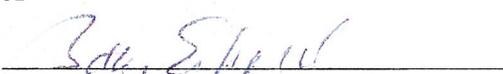
City of Brooksville



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Attest: 

Jennifer J. Battista, CMC, City Clerk

