



Proclamation No. P26-005
Recognizing February 2026 as "Black History Month"
in the Hernando School District

WHEREAS, the month of February is set aside each year to honor, celebrate and remember the struggles, achievements, sacrifices and contributions Black Americans have made on behalf of the United States of America and the World; and

WHEREAS, the recognition of Black History Month is an opportune time to salute the achievements of the past, gain insight for the present, inspire progress for the future and teach the children about heroes of color; and

WHEREAS, the honoring of Black History in America dates back to 1926 and is now recognized and remembered with month-long celebrations to honor and affirm the importance of Black History throughout our American experience; and

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

WHEREAS, Black Educators have played a prominent role in the history of education in Hernando County, serving in every capacity from Bus Driver, to Teacher, to Principal, to School Board Member; and

WHEREAS, during Black History Month, all Americans are encouraged to reflect on the rich history and teaching of African Americans and bear witness to the progress and achievements they have made throughout our region;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Hernando County School Board is pleased to proclaim the month of February 2026 to be **BLACK HISTORY MONTH** in Hernando Schools.

Adopted at the regular session of the School Board meeting held on this 10thth day of February 2026.

Kayce Hawkins
Board Chair

Ray Pinder
Superintendent