

**SCHOOL BOARD OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**PROCLAMATION #23-06**



**WHEREAS**, during Black History Month, we celebrate the vast contributions of Black Americans to our Nation's history and identity; and

**WHEREAS**, Black History Month grew out of the establishment, in 1926, of Negro History Week by Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2023 national theme for the observance is “The Black Family: Representation, Identity and Diversity”, and

**WHEREAS**, the School Board of Clay County is deeply committed to equity and inclusion. This stance includes the cultural and racial affirmation of our students, staff, parents, and community members who identify as Black American; and

**WHEREAS**, the School Board of Clay County strives to close the equity and outcome gaps for Black American students through policies and practices that reflect the experiences of Black American students, ensure greater access and opportunity and honor history, heritage, and contributions; and

**WHEREAS**, our community is better because of the diversity of our population; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the School Board of Clay County, Florida, do hereby proclaim the Month of **February 2023**, as ***Black History Month***.

**Duly adopted and approved by the School Board of Clay County, Florida, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2023.**

***ATTEST:***

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David Broskie  
Superintendent of Schools  
Clay County, Florida

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Ashley Gilhousen, School Board Chair