

SCHOOL BOARD OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA

PROCLAMATION #24-09



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 2024 national theme for the observance is “African Americans and the Arts”, 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 Americans; 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 2024**, as ***Black History Month***.

Duly adopted and approved by the School Board of Clay County, Florida, this 1st day of February, 2024.

ATTEST:

David Broskie
Superintendent of Schools
Clay County, Florida

Ashley Gilhousen
School Board Chair