

Proclamation

City of Tarpon Springs, Florida

Whereas, The recognition of black history originated in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson. Woodson chose the 2nd week of February because it marked the birthdays of two Americans who greatly influenced the lives and social condition of African Americans: former President Abraham Lincoln and abolitionist and former slave Frederick Douglass; and

Whereas, The Association for the Study of African-American Life and History this year is dedicating Black History Month to a celebration of the contributions African-American women have made throughout the annals of the nation's history, from the advent of slavery to 2012; and

Whereas, The association selected "Black Women in American Culture and History" as the 2012 theme; and

Whereas, There have been prominent women on the national scene, such as Harriet Tubman or our first black First Lady Michelle Obama but there also have been countless women who made a difference in our own homes, schools, churches, neighborhoods, cities and towns.

Now Therefore, I, David O. Archie, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tarpon Springs do hereby proclaim the month of February, 2012 as

Black History Month

help us to honor this time of remembrance, reflection and celebration by honoring women who have touched your life and the lives of others.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Tarpon Springs, Florida, to be affixed this 7th day of February, 2012.

City Clerk & Collector

Mayor