## PROCLAMATION BLACK HISTORY MONTH

- WHEREAS, Black History Month is the observance of a special period of time to recognize the achievements and contributions of African Americans to our city, state and nation; and
- WHEREAS, This observance presents the special opportunity to become more knowledgeable about black heritage and to honor the many black leaders who have played a part in the progress of our county; and
- WHEREAS, Such knowledge can strengthen the insight of all our citizens regarding the issues of human rights, the great strides that have been made in the crusade to eliminate the barriers of equality for minority groups, and the continuing struggle against racial discrimination and poverty; and
- WHEREAS, As a result of their determination, hard work, intelligence, and perseverance, African Americans have achieved exceptional success in all aspects of society including business, education, politics, science, athletics and the arts; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that I, Raleigh York, Jr., Mayor of the City of Thomasville, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 2024 as

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and encourage all citizens to participate in the educational and celebratory events honoring the contributions and accomplishments of African Americans.

Adopted this the 19th day of February, 2024.

Raleigh York, Jr., Mayor