

## RESOLUTION 2282-24

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK, FLORIDA SUPPORTING THE TOWN OF EATONVILLE'S APPLICATION TO BE CONSIDERED AS THE SITE FOR THE FLORIDA MUSEUM OF BLACK HISTORY**

**Whereas**, Eatonville was founded after the Civil War and is the first incorporated (1887) Black town in the United States, giving Eatonville the most unique historical significance to the Black community, and

**Whereas**, since incorporation, Eatonville flourished as a haven for African Americans providing Black residents with the opportunity for self-government, economic development and education, and

**Whereas**, this historical significance furthers Eatonville role and responsibility to continue fostering the cultural, social, and political development of Black communities, and

**Whereas**, Eatonville's historical legacy aligns with the Florida Museum of Black History's mission to preserve, interpret, and share the rich and complex history of African Americans in Florida, and

**Whereas**, the potential synergy between the museum in Eatonville and two of Winter Park's existing museums, specifically the Winter Park History Museum and Hannibal Square Heritage Center, creates a compelling destination for arts, culture and history enthusiasts, and

**Whereas**, the museum in Eatonville will foster even more collaboration between the two neighboring communities enhancing the region's thriving arts and cultural industry and serve as a significant tribute to the state's Black history,

#### **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**Section 1.** The City Commission of the City of Winter Park hereby supports the application of the Town of Eatonville to be considered as the site for the Florida Museum of Black History and encourages the Florida Museum of Black History Task Force to recommend Eatonville as their top choice for the museum's final location to the Florida Legislature.

**Adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.**

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Mayor Phillip M. Anderson

ATTEST:

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City Clerk Rene Cranis