

CITY OF WINTER PARK

# proclamation

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## Fairolyn Livingston Day | June 12, 2026

**WHEREAS**, born in 1946 at 800 W. New England Ave. in Winter Park, Fairolyn Livingston has dedicated her life to preserving and sharing the rich history and cultural heritage of the community she proudly calls home; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1964, she graduated from Hungerford High School in Eatonville, Florida, and later, in 1983, earned her degree from the Hamilton Holt School at Rollins College; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Livingston has devoted decades to documenting, preserving, and elevating the stories of Winter Park's historic African American community, ensuring that the voices and experiences of residents are remembered and celebrated for generations to come; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1997, her dedication to historical research was recognized when she received the Winter Park Library's Rhea Marsh and Dorothy Smith Research Grant, supporting her efforts to uncover and preserve important pieces of local history; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2002, she served as a member of the Heritage Collection Team and, in 2007, co-founded the Hannibal Square Heritage Center, helping establish a lasting institution dedicated to preserving the history, culture and legacy of Winter Park's west side community; and

**WHEREAS**, as chief historian of the Hannibal Square Heritage Center, Ms. Livingston has served as a trusted steward of local history, inspiring residents and visitors alike through her research, leadership and commitment to community storytelling; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2017, she continued her efforts to preserve the community's history as co-creator of the Hannibal Square Sage Project, ensuring that the stories and experiences of local elders would be documented and shared with future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, her contributions have been recognized through numerous honors, including the Unity Heritage Festival Heritage Award in 2011, *Winter Park Magazine's* Most Influential in 2018, the Historical Society of Central Florida's Donald A. Chaney Award in 2019 and Rollins College Fred Rogers Global Citizenship Award in 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout her life, Ms. Livingston continues to exemplify the values of education and cultural preservation, leaving an enduring impact on Winter Park and its residents.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Sheila DeCiccio, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Winter Park, in the state of Florida, do hereby proclaim **Friday, June 12, 2026**, as "**Fairolyn Livingston Day**" in Winter Park, Florida.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Winter Park, Florida, to be affixed this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June 2026.

**Sheila DeCiccio**  
Mayor