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Lake County Commissioners Declare February as Black History Month

PAINESVILLE, Ohio, February 7, 2023—At the Commissioner's meeting on Thursday, February 2, 2023, the Lake County Board of Commissioners declared the month of February, 2023 as Black History Month in Lake County, Ohio.

Black History Month serves as both a celebration and a powerful reminder that their history is American History, and their stories are essential to the ongoing story of our struggles, our progress, and our aspirations. It is essential that we take time to celebrate the immeasurable contributions of Black Americans, and honor the legacies and achievements of generations past.

"We encourage the celebration of Black History Month to provide a continuing opportunity for all people in Lake County and across the country to learn from the past and understand the experiences that have shaped the United States," said Commission President, John R. Hamercheck.



From the left: Bishop Mirbel, Commissioner Plecnik, Deacon Jones, Derrick Abney, Reverend Dr. Motley, Commissioner Regovich, Commissioner Hamercheck.

"I can't begin to express the gratitude that we have for the leaders in Lake County that help us to recognize black history, not just in February, but all year round. They make such a difference in their community outreach, their faith and their charity every single day, for all of Lake County," said Commissioner John Plecnik. "Thank you to the NAACP President, Deacon Jones, and former President, Bishop Mirbel, and many others for coming together to recognize this important time. I express great gratitude, not just for the work that you all have done, but for the work that you are so pledged to do, and that we are pledged to do with you in 2023, and in every year that follows."

"Lake County, Ohio, is pleased to celebrate the positive contributions of our African American residents by dedicating the month of February to the rich and diverse Black culture and heritage. Black history is an integral part of American history because of the essential role the African American Community had in building and shaping this great country," said Commissioner Richard J. Regovich.

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