

Whereas

Whereas, in 1915, Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson, noted Black scholar and son for former slaves, founded the Association for the Study of American Life and History and initiated Black History Week on February 12, 1926; and

Whereas, during Black History Month all Americans are encouraged to reflect on past successes and challenges of Black Americans and continue to uphold and live up to the ideals of freedom, equality and justice; and celebrate the many achievements and contributions, made by Black Americans to Portland's economic, cultural, spiritual, and political development; and

Whereas, the 2018 national Black History Month theme is, "African Americans in Times of War: A Resilient Spirit."; and

Whereas, reflection on the Black American experience in times of war helps us to remember the significant contributions and sacrifices Black Americans made for our Nation, Oregon and Portland; and

Whereas, in Portland, World War II is a significant marker for migration of Black families to Portland, and Vanport, to build and serve on ships for that war effort; and

Whereas, as Black Veterans experienced opportunities for advancement during the war, they also witnessed repression, lack of memorialization of their contributions and systematic withdrawal of benefits ranging from housing to healthcare; and

Whereas, the housing crisis and politics of gentrification Black Veterans and families faced after the Vanport floods is still felt in Portland; and

Whereas, we recognize the contributions of Black community organizations, non-profit organizations and advocates who continue to uplift the Black community in Portland and call for racial justice and an end to economic and social inequities.

Now, therefore, I, Ted Wheeler, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim February 1-28, 2018 to be

Black History Month

in Portland, and encourage all residents to observe this month.

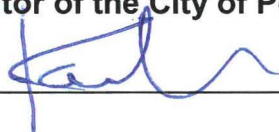
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(Proclamation introduced by Mayor Wheeler)

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Auditor of the City of Portland

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