

Whereas

Whereas, in 1915, Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson, noted Black scholar and son for former slaves, founded the Association for the Study of African 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, achievements and challenges of Black Americans and continue to uphold and live up to the ideals of freedom, equality and social justice; and

Whereas, the 2019 national Black History Month theme is "Black Migrations," when we reflect on the history of Black migrations to Oregon and the social realities the people of African descent have endured in Portland from the days of the Oregon Trail migration through the 20th century to the present; and

Whereas, with every migration came Black People with dreams and contributions that benefit everyone in Portland. Reflection on the past helps us to remember the experience of Black Portlanders who contributed immensely to the development of Portland's railroad and hospitality industry in the early twentieth century; despite Oregon's exclusionary racist laws, Black Portlanders forged their economic liberation and built thriving communities; and

Whereas, we remember the unprecedented influx of Black Americans to Portland during the Second World War, the devastating destruction of Vanport by flood in 1948, and the development of the Albina District. We remember the migration experience of Continental Africans and the African Diaspora in Oregon. We remember the displacement of Black communities in the 1950s and 1960s with the construction of Memorial Coliseum and Interstate 5 and the continued gentrification of historic black neighborhoods 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; and

Whereas, we celebrate the United Nations proclamation of the International Decade for People of African Descent and call for promoting a greater knowledge of and diverse heritage, culture and contributions of Black Communities in Portland; and;

Now, therefore, I, Ted Wheeler, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the "City of Roses," do hereby proclaim February 1 - 28, 2019 to be

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



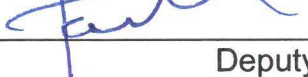
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(Proclamation introduced by Mayor Wheeler)

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Auditor of the City of Portland

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