



PROCLAMATION

Black History Month

WHEREAS, often in the face of incredible prejudice and hardship, African Americans have enhanced and advanced every aspect of American life; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson, founder of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, and noted Black scholar and son of former slaves, initiated Black History Week February 12, 1926, chosen to coincide with the birthdays of Frederick Douglas and Abraham Lincoln; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, as part of the nation's bicentennial, Black History Week was expanded and established as Black History Month, now celebrated all over North America as a time when we honor the extraordinary contributions made by African Americans throughout history; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that our country and community are strengthened and enriched by members of every race, religion, ethnicity, and creed, and we reaffirm the City of Bothell's rejection of any and all discrimination through its values, policies and practices; and

WHEREAS, the observance of Black History Month calls our nation's attention to the continued need to battle racism and to build a society that lives up to its democratic ideals.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mason Thompson, do hereby proclaim February 2022 as "Black History Month" in the City of Bothell. The City makes this proclamation to celebrate the African American community and as an affirmation of the City's commitment to protect and serve everyone who resides in, works in, and visits Bothell without discrimination, and of its belief in the dignity, equality, and civil rights of all people.

Signed this 1st day of February, 2022.

Mason Thompson

Mason Thompson (Feb 10, 2022 11:33 PST)

Mason Thompson, Mayor