



# CITY OF SNOHOMISH

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## A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF SNOHOMISH RECOGNIZING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

**WHEREAS**, February is recognized as Black History Month, a time to celebrate and honor the contributions, achievements, and rich history of African Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, Black History Month provides an opportunity for all residents to reflect on the struggles, triumphs, and significant impact of African Americans throughout the history of our Nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the origins of Black History Month date back over 100 years, when the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) was founded in 1916 to research and promote the achievements of Black Americans, and originally the second week of February was chosen to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass; and

**WHEREAS**, this year's Black History Month theme is *African Americans and the Arts*, recognizing the African American influence on the fields of visual and performing arts, literature, fashion, folklore, language, film, music, architecture, culinary and other forms of cultural expression; and

**WHEREAS**, the diverse and vibrant culture of the African American community has played a crucial role in shaping our city, state, and nation, contributing to the fields of science, literature, arts, politics, sports, and more; and

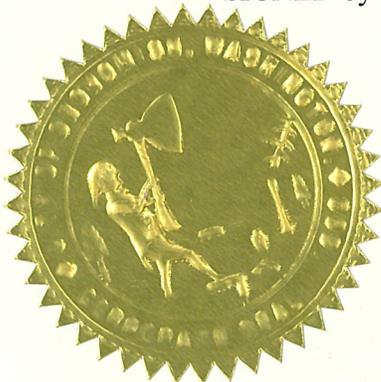
**WHEREAS**, we acknowledge the importance of fostering inclusivity, equality, and understanding among all residents, and recognize the need to promote education and awareness about the historical and ongoing contributions of African Americans;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Linda Redmon, Mayor of Snohomish, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2024 as

### **BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

and urge all Snohomish residents to join in the celebration of this observance by participating in educational and cultural events that highlight the achievements of African Americans and promote unity within our diverse community.

SIGNED by the Mayor of Snohomish this 6th day of February, 2024.



  
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Linda Redmon, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Brandi Whitson, City Clerk