



PROCLAMATION

Declaring February 2020 Black History Month in Marysville

WHEREAS, in 1976, as Americans celebrated the national bicentennial, President Gerald Ford urged the nation to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history” and, for the first time, Black History Month was celebrated nationwide; and

WHEREAS, President Ford’s words rang true to the nation, and in that spirit, decades later, we stop to recognize and celebrate the significant roles African Americans have played in this history of our county, state and country; and

WHEREAS, the theme of Black History Month 2020, “African Americans and the Vote,” recognizes this is also a landmark year for voting rights. 2020 marks the 150th anniversary of the Fifteenth Amendment (1870), which gave black men the right to vote after the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, more than 20,000 Snohomish County residents report Black or African American ethnicity; and

WHEREAS, this month we honor our African American neighbors, their accomplishments and contributions, and together we celebrate the distinct influence they have on the cultural fabric of our city and surrounding communities.

NOW, THEREFORE I, JON NEHRING, MAYOR, on behalf of the City Council and our community, do hereby proclaim February 2020 as

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

in the City of Marysville. I encourage all residents of Marysville to recognize the significant and lasting contributions that African Americans bring to the success of our community.

Under my hand and seal this tenth day of February, 2020.

THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE

Jon Nehring, Mayor