



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

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Meeting Date: 2/18/16
Agenda Item #: R.5
Est. Start Time: 9:50 am approx
Date Submitted: 2/12/16

Agenda Title: Proclaiming February 2016 as Black History and Black Future Month in Multnomah County, Oregon

Requested

Meeting Date: 2/18/16 Time Needed: 20 minutes

Department: Non-departmental Division: District 2

Contact(s): Commissioner Loretta Smith, Rhea Bryant & Ben Duncan

Phone: _____ Ext. _____ I/O Address: 501/6

Presenters Ben Duncan, Javelin Hardy, Mohammed Bader, Rachael Banks

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Proclaiming February 2016 as Black History and Black Future Month, and recognizing Multnomah County employees who are doing work to shape a better future for Black communities.

2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.

In the United States, Black History Month is observed in February, a tradition beginning almost 90 years ago declared Negro History Week to celebrate the contributions of Black people to human history and to push back on racial prejudice. While recognizing and celebrating these contributions, it is also paramount that given the racial inequities that still exist for Black communities in Multnomah County and across the country, that we recognize those that are creating a better future state. Black Future month acknowledges and honors the ongoing resistance to the experiences of racism and discrimination.

3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).

n/a

4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.

n/a

5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.

Departmental stakeholders, employee resource groups

Required Signature

Elected
Official or
Department
Director:

Loretta Smith /s/

Date: 2/11/16