

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON
PROCLAMATION NO.**

Proclaiming February 2017 as Black History and Black Future Month in Multnomah County, Oregon.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. Black History Month is observed throughout the United States to celebrate and recognize the vital role and contributions of African Americans in our history and culture. Black History Month was first celebrated in 1976, replacing Negro History Week, which was first celebrated in 1926.
- b. African Americans have made and continue to make significant contributions to our community's economic, cultural, educational, political, artistic, literary, scientific, and technological advancement, despite historical and current injustices.
- c. Multnomah County recognizes that racial and ethnic diversity enriches our community.
- d. Multnomah County recognizes the challenges that African Americans face in achieving equity, opportunity, and social mobility.
- e. Multnomah County further recognizes the efforts of those organizations within the County that strive to improve the quality of life for African Americans through advocacy, mentorship, community engagement, outreach and inclusion.
- f. Multnomah County honors the rich heritage, extraordinary contributions, and ongoing accomplishments of African Americans.
- g. Multnomah County honors and celebrates the roles that our African American employees play in working towards eliminating disparities in African American communities, and creating a better future for all community members.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

February 2017 as Black History and Black Future Month in Multnomah County, Oregon, in recognition and celebration of the contributions of African Americans to our community.

ADOPTED this ___th day of February, 2017.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

Deborah Kafoury, Chair

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FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

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