

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

PROCLAMATION NO. _____

Proclaiming February 2016 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 of African Americans in our history and culture. Though the first Negro History Week was celebrated in 1926, it wasn't until 1976 that Black History Month was celebrated during the full month of February.
- b. African Americans have made significant contributions to our community's economic, educational, political, artistic, literary, scientific and technological advancement, despite historical and current injustices.
- c. Multnomah County further recognizes the efforts of those organizations within the County striving to improve the quality of life for African Americans and joins with the country in honoring the rich heritage, extraordinary contributions, and ongoing accomplishments of African Americans. We all benefit from our community's racial and ethnic diversity.
- d. 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.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

February 2016 as Black History and Future Month in Multnomah County, Oregon, in recognition and celebration of the contributions of African Americans to our community.

ADOPTED this 18th day of February, 2016.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

Deborah Kafoury Chair

REVIEWED:
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FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON



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SUBMITTED BY: Commissioner Loretta Smith, District 2