



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

(Revised March 2016)

## Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 2/16/17  
Agenda Item #: R.5  
Est. Start Time: 9:30 am  
Date Submitted: 2/3/17

**Agenda Title:** Proclaiming February 2017 as Black History Month and Black Future Month in Multnomah County, Oregon

*Note: Title should not be more than 2 lines but sufficient to describe the action requested. Title on APR must match title on Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation.*

## Requested

**Meeting Date:** February 16, 2017 **Time Needed:** 15 Minutes

**Department:** Non-departmental **Division:** District 2

**Contact(s):** Commissioner Loretta Smith, Elizabeth Mazzara (Chief of Staff)

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## Presenter

**Name(s) &**

**Title(s):** Invited Guests

## General Information

### 1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Proclaiming February 2017 as Black History 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.

### 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

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**Required Signature**

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**Elected  
Official or  
Department  
Director:**

Loretta Smith /s/

**Date:**

2/3/17