

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

**PROCLAMATION NO. 2018-015**

Proclaiming February 2018 as Black History Month and Black Future Month in Multnomah County, Oregon.

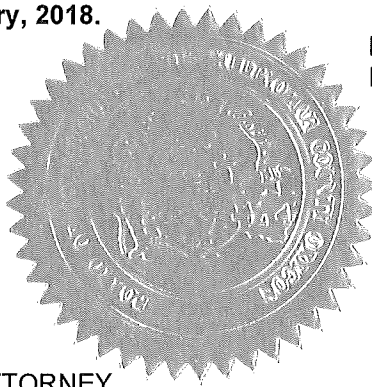
**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:**

- 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.
- H. Multnomah County honors the workforce equity contributions of Employees of Color (EOC) and African American employees that ensure safety, trust and belonging for all in our community.
- I. Multnomah County celebrates black excellence and African American advocacy of social justice, racial justice and hope not only this month - but 365 days a year.

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:**

February 2018 as Black History Month and Black Future Month in Multnomah County, Oregon, in recognition and celebration of the contributions of African Americans to our community.

**ADOPTED this 15th day of February, 2018.**



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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Lori Stegmann, Vice-Chair

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FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON



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Jenny M. Madkour, County Attorney

**SUBMITTED BY:** Commissioner Loretta Smith, District 2.