

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

PROCLAMATION NO. 02-018

Proclaiming February, 2002 as African-American History Month in Multnomah County, Oregon

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:


- a) Multnomah County takes great pride in the diversity of our community and in the impressive and valuable contributions made by our residents to the County's programs, prosperity and well-being;
- b) African-American History Month was originally established as Negro History Week in 1926 by Dr. Carter G. Woodson, a noted African-American author and scholar. It evolved into the establishment in 1976 of February as "Black History Month." This commemoration has increasingly been referred to as "African-American History Month," although both names are currently in use;
- c) The true facts of the contributions of African-Americans to the discovery, pioneering, development and continuance of America have not properly and adequately been presented in the textbooks, media and other communications media;
- d) The designation of February as African-American History Month is an opportunity to celebrate and recognize the achievements and contributions African American's have made and continue to make in our County, State, and Nation;
- e) The accomplishments of African Americans in the Arts, Sciences, Business, Government, and Education continue to shape and inspire our community;
- f) Prior to World War II, there were barely 2,500 Blacks in the entire state of Oregon. According to the 2000 Census, there were 44,755 Black or African American residents in Multnomah County, which represents 80% of Blacks in the entire state of Oregon;
- g) Multnomah County has supported the economic improvement of the historically African American community in NE Portland through the Albina Community Plan and Interstate Urban Renewal Area Advisory Committee Plan; therefore

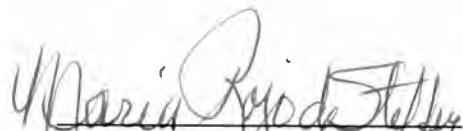
The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

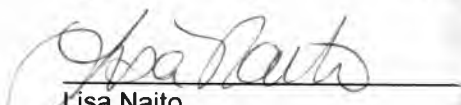
February 2002 as Black History Month in Multnomah County, Oregon in recognition and celebration of the many contributions of African Americans to the County and our community.

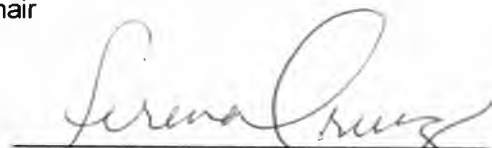
ADOPTED this 7th day of February, 2002.

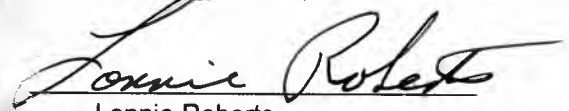
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