



## City Council

### Special Recognition - Proclamation Recognizing African American History Month

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**Title**

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**Recommended Action**

**Committee Recommendation:**

Not referred to a committee.

**City Manager Recommendation:**

Proclaim February 2020 to be African American History Month in the City of Olympia.

**Report**

**Issue:**

Whether to proclaim February 2020 to be African American History Month in the City of Olympia.

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**Presenter(s):**

Dr. Thelma Jackson, Thurston County resident, educator, and consultant with more than 30 years of experience in education change initiatives, equity and diversity, policy making, cultural competency, community mobilization, and educational transformation. She is currently working with historian Ed Echtle to research and tell the story of Black history in Thurston County.

**Background and Analysis:**

African American History Month is an official annual observance in the United States and Canada, calling attention to the important people and events in the history of African diaspora, and the considerable contribution of African Americans to our nation and to our communities.

**Attachments:**

Proclamation