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Special Recognition - Proclamation Recognizing Black History Month

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee.

City Manager Recommendation:

Proclaim February as Black History Month in the City of Olympia.

Report

Issue:

Whether to proclaim February as Black History Month in the City of Olympia.

Staff Contact:

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Presenter(s):

Councilmember Donate Payne

Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Specialist Oliva Salazar de Breaux

Hawk Foundation Founder Javoen Byrd

Background and Analysis:

Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of Black individuals in U.S. history.

The creation of noted historian Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African Americans in 1926, every U.S. president since 1976 has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month. Other countries around the world, including Canada and the United Kingdom, also devote a month to celebrating black history.

Attachments:

Proclamation