



City of Mercer Island, Washington *Proclamation*

WHEREAS, the tradition of Booker T. Washington's Negro Health Week has historically spotlighted health disparities in Black communities, fostering advocacy and education.

Holistic well-being, encompassing physical, mental, emotional, and social health, is a priority for all communities.

Addressing health disparities in Washington State, especially within Black communities, calls for initiatives that are both inclusive and community driven.

A community-driven approach, focusing on leveraging existing resources and capacities, is essential for the effective implementation of Black Wellness Week.

The City of Mercer Island strives to create and maintain an inclusive community that is safe and supportive for current and future generations.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dave Rosenbaum, Mayor of Mercer Island, do hereby proclaim April 13-17, 2026 as

BLACK WELLNESS WEEK

on the City of Mercer Island and encourage all residents to join in this special observance.

APPROVED, this 7th day of April 2026.

Mayor Dave Rosenbaum

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