



## BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

**AB 5803**  
**February 2, 2021**  
**Consent Calendar**

### AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

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| <b>TITLE:</b>              | AB 5803: Black History Month Proclamation No. 260                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only  |
| <b>RECOMMENDED ACTION:</b> | Mayor Wong proclaims February 2021 as Black History Month in the City of Mercer Island. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed:<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion<br><input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance<br><input type="checkbox"/> Resolution |

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| <b>DEPARTMENT:</b>            | City Manager  |
| <b>STAFF:</b>                 | Deborah Estrada, City Clerk   |
| <b>COUNCIL LIAISON:</b>       | n/a   |
| <b>EXHIBITS:</b>              | 1. Proclamation No. 260<br>2. ASLAH's 2021 theme: "The Black Family: Representation, Identity, and Diversity" |
| <b>CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:</b> | n/a   |

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| <b>AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE</b>  | \$ n/a |
| <b>AMOUNT BUDGETED</b>        | \$ n/a |
| <b>APPROPRIATION REQUIRED</b> | \$ n/a |

### SUMMARY

In February each year, the nation celebrates Black History Month and the many achievements and contributions made by African Americans to our economic, cultural, spiritual, and political development.

This proclamation serves as a reminder of the need for meaningful dialogue and shared commitment to collective action that uplifts and empowers, as well as of the strength, ingenuity, and perseverance required in years to come.

It includes the 2021 theme from the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASLAH) of "The Black Family: Representation, Identity, and Diversity" which emphasizes the history, literature, the visual arts and film studies, sociology, anthropology, and social policy. The black family offers a rich tapestry of images for exploring the African American past and present.

### RECOMMENDATION

Mayor Wong proclaims February 2021 as Black History Month in the City of Mercer Island.