



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Black History Month serves as both a celebration and a powerful reminder that Black history is American history, Black culture is American culture, and Black stories are interwoven into the fabric of the nation through shared struggles, progress, and aspirations; and

**WHEREAS**, historian Carter G. Woodson established Black History Week in 1926 to recognize the significant contributions of African Americans, selecting the second week of February to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, and in 1976 the observance was formally expanded by Congress to National Black History Month; and

**WHEREAS**, the theme for Black History Month 2026, “A Century of Black History Commemorations,” marks the 100th anniversary of the first national observance of Black History Week and honors a century of organized efforts to study, preserve, and elevate African American history, culture, and achievements; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2026 theme encourages reflection on the evolution of Black history commemorations and their enduring role in shaping public understanding of African American contributions across generations, institutions, and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, during Black History Month, all are encouraged to reflect on the rich history, enduring lessons, and significant contributions of African Americans, and to recognize the progress, resilience, creativity, and achievements that continue to strengthen society as a whole.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUALATIN**, Oregon that Tualatin recognizes February 1 through February 28, 2026 as Black History Month and calls upon the people of Tualatin to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and reflections and to continue our efforts to create a world that is more just, equitable, and prosperous for all.

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.

CITY OF TUALATIN, OREGON

BY \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ATTEST:

BY \_\_\_\_\_  
City Recorder

