



Proclamation

- WHEREAS*, the Tumwater City Council takes pride in recognizing February 2022 as Black History Month, celebrating the many notable contributions that people of African descent have made to our country; and
- WHEREAS*, we celebrate the diversity of Black people in our community, our state, and our nation, whether they self-identify as African, African-American, Afro-Latino, Afro-Caribbean, or Black; and
- WHEREAS*, observing Black History Month provides opportunities to gain a deeper understanding of African American history and acknowledge the centuries of struggles for equality and freedom; and
- WHEREAS*, the contributions of African Americans are central to American society, including civic, economic, professional, medical, scientific, military, and artistic excellence; and
- WHEREAS*, in 1915, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, a noted Black scholar and son of former slaves, founded the Association for the Study of African American Life and History and initiated Negro History Week in 1926 to encourage the study of African American history. In 1976, Black History Month was formally adopted to honor and affirm the importance of Black People in American History, advance the cause of civil rights, and to strengthen families, communities, and the nation; and
- WHEREAS*, Tumwater was settled by George Bush, a frontiersman and successful farmer, and his family. Bush was a prominent member of the 1845 settlement party, helping to establish present-day Tumwater and was the first Black settler to receive a land grant in Washington territory; and
- WHEREAS*, the City of Tumwater proudly embraces the cultural diversity of our community and honors organizations, families, and individuals of African American descent in appreciation of their invaluable contributions that continue to enrich our City, and unite and sustain us as a community; and
- WHEREAS*, because of the disparities that continue to plague our society, we encourage all people to recognize and raise their voices to bring about lasting systemic and societal change

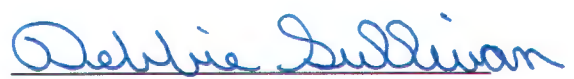
NOW THEREFORE, I, Debbie Sullivan, Mayor of the City of Tumwater, do hereby proclaim

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and I call upon the people of the City of Tumwater to recognize the continued need to battle racism, eliminate the barriers of equality, and to build a society where all people have equal opportunity to thrive.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Tumwater to be affixed at City Hall, this 15th day of February, in the year, two thousand and twenty-two.




Debbie Sullivan
Mayor