## CITY OF SPOKANE

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in observance of Black History Month, we recognize African Americans for helping to shape our nation's identity and strengthen our country through high moral values and resolute commitment to family, faith, service, and perseverance; and

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane takes great pride in the members of our Black community, and honors organizations, families, and individuals of African American descent in appreciation of their invaluable contributions in many professions and fields, including education, law, government, business, science, sports, the arts, and brave service in the United States Armed Forces, that continue to enrich the history and culture of our city while continuing to unite and sustain us as a community; and

WHEREAS, in observance of Black History Month, the Spokane Public Library invites citizens to join in celebrating and learning about the achievements and challenges, past and present, of African Americans. Throughout the month of February, each branch of the Spokane Public Library will host a variety of educational programs, poetry, artists, and special themed storytimes highlighting the rich historical heritage, and the beauty of Black Culture:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, David A. Condon, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the citizens of Spokane, do hereby proclaim the month of February, 2018 as

## **BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

and declare a city-wide celebration of Black History Month, and more importantly, the study of Black history, and the continued work we must all do to realize racial and social justice for African Americans. In honor of the national and local legacy of African Americans who have made significant contributions throughout our shared history, let us engage in the many opportunities organized by our regional colleges and universities, churches, and community organizations.

I, David A. Condon, Mayor of Spokane, do hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Spokane to be affixed this 5th day of February in 2018.

David A. Condon

Mayor