

CITY OF SPOKANE



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Black History Month has been officially celebrated in the United States since the 1976 bicentennial and has grown to be recognized by many nation-states around the globe; and

WHEREAS, the objective of Black History Month is to promote the many cultural, economic, political, and social contributions made by Black Americans that helped to build this great nation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane has benefited from the contributions of its black residents through the arts, sciences, business and politics, and these contributions have been essential to the growth of this municipality. Spokane was the first municipality in Washington State to vote in a black mayor and, to date, remains the only municipality of its size in the United States to do so with a black population of less than 2 percent- during the time of the election; and

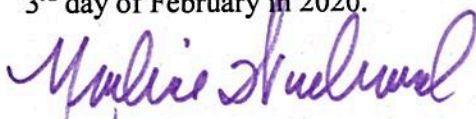
WHEREAS, Spokane recognizes Black History Month by hoisting a flag of Pan-African Colors which depict the achievements, resiliency and struggles of the black diaspora in our city, state and country. This flag serves as a beacon as we honor the ambitions of Civil Rights leaders such as Frederick Douglass, Ida B. Wells, Harriet Tubman, Rosa Parks, Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King, Jr., Barack Obama and many others who walked this path with one mind: to create a more perfect Union. This year Spokane will fly the Pan African flag for the first time to officially recognize Black History Month; promoting a foundation upon which others can build.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the citizens of Spokane, do hereby proclaim the month of February, 2020 as

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

and declare a city-wide celebration of Black History Month in honor of the national and local legacy of African Americans who have made significant contributions throughout our shared history, and encourage citizens to engage in the many opportunities organized by our regional colleges and universities, churches, and community organizations.

I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of Spokane,
do hereunto set my hand and
cause the seal of the City of Spokane to be affixed this
3rd day of February in 2020.


Nadine Woodward
Mayor

