

CITY OF SPOKANE



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Black History Month has been officially celebrated in the United States since the 1976 bicentennial with the objective to promote the many cultural, economic, political, and social contributions made by African Americans that helped to build this great nation; 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 healthcare, 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, the national theme for Black History Month 2023 – *Black Resistance* – describing an opposition to historically oppressive rhetoric and systemic injustice:

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 2023 as

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

in Spokane and encourage all citizens to honor the national and local legacy of African Americans who have made significant contributions throughout our shared history.

I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of Spokane,
do hereunto set my hand and
cause the seal of the City of Spokane
to be affixed this
31st day of January 2023.

Nadine Woodward
Mayor

