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 national theme for Black History Month 2024 – African Americans and the Arts – honors the profound contributions of Black Americans that have shaped music, literature, visual arts, and performance; and

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane recognizes and celebrates that the artistic legacy of African Americans is a testament to resilience, innovation, and the power of storytelling through diverse mediums:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lisa Brown, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the citizens of Spokane, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2024 as

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

in Spokane and encourage all citizens to honor the national and local legacy of African Americans and celebrate the profound impact of Black artists whose creativity transcends boundaries, and both inspires and unites us all.

I, Lisa Brown, Mayor of Spokane, do hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Spokane to be affixed this 1st day of February 2024.

Lisa Brown Mayor

