



PROCLAMATION

Black History Month

WHEREAS, often in the face of incredible prejudice and hardship, Black Americans have enhanced and advanced every aspect of American life; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson, founder of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, and noted Black scholar and son of former slaves, initiated Black History Week February 12, 1926, chosen to coincide with the birthdays of Frederick Douglas and Abraham Lincoln; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, as part of the nation's bicentennial, Black History Week was expanded and established as Black History Month, now celebrated all over North America as a time to call our Nation's attention to the continued need to battle racism and to build a society that lives up to its democratic ideals; and

WHEREAS, the omission of history and contributions of Black Americans from textbooks and other literature has impeded awareness and appreciation and the observance of Black History Month is a time when we honor the extraordinary contributions made by Black Americans throughout history; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate the legacy of Black Americans whose power to lead, to overcome, and to expand the meaning and practice of American democracy has helped our Nation become a more fair and just society.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mason Thompson, do hereby proclaim February 2023 as "Black History Month" in the City of Bothell and we reaffirm the City of Bothell's rejection of any and all discrimination through its values, policies and practices and we recognize that our country and community are strengthened and enriched by members of every race, religion, ethnicity, and creed.

Signed this 7th day of February, 2023.

Mason Thompson
Mason Thompson (Feb 7, 2023 13:35 PST)

Mason Thompson, Mayor