

PROCLAMATION

West Linn, Oregon

WHEREAS, the 2026 Black History Month theme, "A Century of Black History Commemorations," recognizes the 100th anniversary since Dr. Carter G. Woodson's initial observance in 1926; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month honors the contributions, resilience, and cultural heritage of the Black community; and

WHEREAS, this theme explores how Black History Month has transformed understanding and the status of Black people in modern society; and

WHEREAS, this theme highlights the role of commemorations in building cultural identity and fostering pride within the Black community; and

WHEREAS, this theme emphasizes the ongoing fight for equality and justice through historical reflection and education; and

WHEREAS, this theme acknowledges the thousands of often-ignored stories of Black scientists, artists, leaders, and everyday community members; and

WHEREAS, this theme encourages deeper understanding of the legacy of Black history and inspires community members to recognize that telling an inclusive and accurate history strengthens our shared democracy and enriches the collective narrative of our nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST LINN, that February 2026 is

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

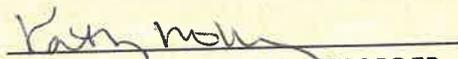
And we encourage all community members to participate in Black History Month activities and to reflect on the profound contributions of African Americans to our nation's history.

DATED THIS DAY OF FEBRUARY 3, 2026



RORY BIALOSTOSKY, MAYOR

ATTEST:


KATHY MOLLUSKY, CITY RECORDER