



CITY OF MILWAUKIE

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in February, we recognize and acknowledge the African American struggle for racial justice that stirred the very conscience of our nation and helped guide the shape of her character; and

WHEREAS, African Americans for generations have courageously led the pursuit of justice and equality, from Frederick Douglass to Harriet Tubman to Martin Luther King, Jr. and beyond; as our nation struggles to overcome past and present failings that result in persistent inequality, such leaders are crucial to help guide us closer to the founding principle that all people are created equal; and

WHEREAS, African Americans have made significant contributions to our nation's economic, educational, political, artistic, literary, scientific and technological advancements, despite historical and current injustices; and

WHEREAS, in Milwaukie, we celebrate the contributions of African Americans who have been active in our community, including entrepreneurial boxing promoter George Moore and Milwaukie Pastry Kitchen proprietors Hurtis and Dorothy Hadley; and

WHEREAS, incidents in recent years have given rise to greater awareness of the continued discrimination and even violence that African Americans face in their daily lives, and the importance of a greater national dialogue to promote understanding and break down barriers; and

WHEREAS, as individuals, we must learn more about the history of African Americans generally, and in Oregon in particular, and work to build a Milwaukie where every person has equal access to educational and employment opportunities, and housing.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Gamba, Mayor of the City of Milwaukie, a municipal corporation in the County of Clackamas, in the State of Oregon, and with the full support and sponsorship of the Milwaukie Historical Society, do hereby proclaim **February 2018** to be **African American History Month** in Milwaukie and do recommend its observance with appropriate programs and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, and with the consent of the City Council of the City of Milwaukie, I have hereunto set my hand on this **6th** day of **February 2018**.

Mark Gamba, Mayor

ATTEST:

Scott Stauffer, City Recorder

