

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, in February, we recognize and acknowledge the struggles of Black Americans for racial justice that stirred the very conscience of our nation and helped guide the shape of her character; and

**WHEREAS**, Black Americans for generations have courageously led the pursuit of justice and equality, from 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 guide us to the principle that all people are created equal; and

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

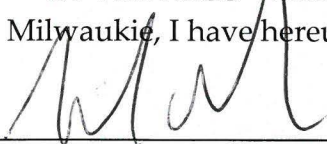
**WHEREAS**, in Milwaukie, we celebrate the contributions of Black Americans who have been active in our community, including entrepreneurial boxing promoter George Moore and Milwaukie Pastry Kitchen proprietors Hurtis and Dorothy Hadley; and

**WHEREAS**, recent incidents have given rise to greater awareness of the continued discrimination and even violence that Black Americans face daily, 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 Black 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 and the Oregon Black Pioneers, do hereby proclaim **February 2019** to be **Black 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of **February 2019**.



Mark Gamba, Mayor

ATTEST:



Scott S. Stauffer, City Recorder

