

# PROCLAMATION

## West Linn, Oregon

**WHEREAS**, the City of West Linn unequivocally affirms that Black lives matter; and

**WHEREAS**, Black communities have made numerous valuable and long-lasting contributions in the history of Oregon's economic, cultural, spiritual, and political development; and

**WHEREAS**, the presence and contributions of Black communities continue to enhance the quality of the life in the City of West Linn; and

**WHEREAS**, Black communities have been the target of discrimination, exclusion, and violence based on identity, which conflicts with our core values as a community; and

**WHEREAS**, Black communities have been disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and the compounding effects of systemic racism; and

**WHEREAS**, in September 2000, West Linn City Council pass a resolution declaring national undoing racism day to reaffirm our commitment to ensure equity and freedom for all people regardless of race, religion, sexual preference, or gender; and

**WHEREAS**, Black History Month calls our nation's attention to recognize and celebrate the essential contributions and resilience of Black communities while acknowledging the injustices that remain; and

**WHEREAS**, Black History Month is a time where all Americans are encouraged to reflect on our collective history of slavery and oppression of Black communities and recommit to prioritizing racial equity, inclusion, and respect for human dignity in all that we do; and

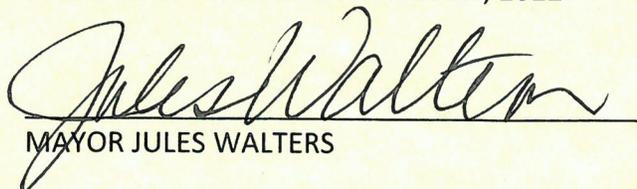
**WHEREAS**, though we celebrate Black History Month in February, we affirm that Black history is American history and recognize it as an ever-present part of our collective experience that we must pass on and learn from.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST LINN**, that February 2022 is

## Black History Month

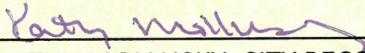
In the City of West Linn.

DATED THIS 7TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2022

  
MAYOR JULES WALTERS



ATTEST:

  
KATHY MOLLUSKY, CITY RECORDER