

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 are helping to 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 the systemic racism that results 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

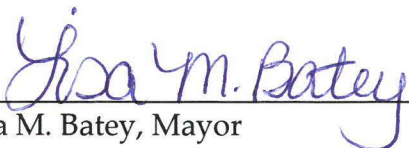
WHEREAS in Milwaukie, we celebrate the contributions of Black Americans who have been active in our community, including entrepreneurial boxing promoter George Moore and Milwaukie Pastry Kitchen proprietors Hurtis and Dorothy Hadley, and

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 equitable access to educational and employment opportunities, and housing.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lisa Batey, 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 City Council do hereby proclaim **February 2023** to be **CELEBRATING BLACK EXCELLENCE MONTH** in Milwaukie and 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 7th day of **February 2023**.



Lisa M. Batey, Mayor

ATTEST:



Scott S. Stauffer, City Recorder

