



Proclamation

Office of the Mayor, City of Mukilteo

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH February 2016

WHEREAS, American's greatness is a testament to generations of courageous individuals who, in the face of uncomfortable truths, stood up and sat in to help right the wrongs of our past and extend the promise of America to all our people; and

WHEREAS, From the Revolutionary War through the abolitionist movement, from marches from Selma to Montgomery and across American today, African Americans have remained devoted to the proposition that all of us are created equal, even when their own rights were denied; and

WHEREAS, Our Nation's young people still echo the call for equality, bringing attention to disparities that continue to plaque our society in ways that mirror the non-violent tactics of the civil rights movement while adapting to modern times; and

WHEREAS, We have made great progress on the journey toward ensuring our ideals ring true for all people. Today, African American high school graduation and college enrollment rates are at an all-time high, yet a disproportionate number of African Americans are incarcerated— so we must find ways to reform our criminal justice system and ensure that is fairer and more effective; and

WHEREAS, Our responsibility as citizens is to address the inequalities and injustices that linger, and we must secure our birthright freedoms for all people, as we mark the 40th year of National African History Month. Let us resolve to continue the march toward a day when every person knows the unalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Jennifer Gregerson, Mayor of the City of Mukilteo, hereby proclaim February 2016 as *African American History Month* and call upon all Mukilteans to observe this month with celebrations and activities that honor all people.



Signed this 1st Day of February, 2016



Jennifer Gregerson
Mayor