



Proclamation

Office of the Mayor, City of Mukilteo

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH* February 2020

WHEREAS, Americans have long celebrated our Nation as a beacon of liberty and opportunity and must remember that some who came to our shores to pursue their own measure of freedom arrived in chains; and

WHEREAS, African Americans are still trying to claim rights long denied through centuries of struggle and the toil of generations; and

WHEREAS, As we pay tribute to the heroes who championed for their rights for equal protection, education and the right to vote, Americans can draw strength from the story of hard-won progress which not only defines the African American experience but also lies at the heart of our nation as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., President Abraham Lincoln and other shapers of our American story watch over our National Mall as constant reminders for us not to lose sight of the truth that they were citizens first whose footsteps marched toward a better future for all generations of Americans; and

WHEREAS, A new generation of leaders can teach us that when all Americans come together in a common purpose, we can right the wrongs of history and make this world anew; and

WHEREAS, Freedom can never be taken for granted and must be vigilantly protected by each of us every day.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Jennifer Gregerson, Mayor of the City of Mukilteo, hereby proclaim February 2020 as *African American History Month* and call upon all residents to remember the words of Dr. King that "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."



Signed this 30th Day of January, 2020

Jennifer Gregerson
Mayor

* Much of this proclamation was inspired by the words of President Barack Obama.