
Council Meeting Date: February 10, 2014

Agenda Item: 2(a)

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE: Proclamation of "Black History Month"
DEPARTMENT: CMO/CCK
PRESENTED BY: Jessica Simulcik Smith, City Clerk
ACTION: ☐ Ordinance ☐ Resolution ☐ Motion
 ☐ Discussion ☐ Public Hearing ☒ Proclamation

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

Much of Shoreline's honor, strength and distinction can be attributed to the diversity of cultures and traditions that are celebrated by the residents of this region. African Americans have played a significant role in the history of Washington State's economic, cultural, spiritual and political development.

This proclamation recognizes the month of February as Black History Month, a time in which all Americans are encouraged to reflect on past successes and challenges of African Americans and look to the future to improve society so that we live up to the ideals of freedom, equality and justice.

Shorecrest Black Student Union President Bereket Kassa and other student members will be present to accept the proclamation this evening.

RECOMMENDATION

The Mayor should read the proclamation.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A – Proclamation of Black History Month

Approved By: City Manager ***DT*** City Attorney ***IS***



P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, much of Shoreline's honor, strength and distinction can be attributed to the diversity of cultures and traditions that are celebrated by the residents of this great region; and

WHEREAS, African Americans have played a significant role in the history of our nation, and Washington State's economic, cultural, spiritual and political development while working tirelessly to promote their culture and history; and

WHEREAS, as a result of their determination, hard work, and perseverance, African Americans have made valuable and lasting contributions to our community and our state, achieving exceptional success in all aspects of society including business, education, politics, science, and the arts; and

WHEREAS, Barack Obama, 44th President of the United States, is a living example of the success and distinction that African Americans have achieved in our country; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, Black History Month was formally adopted to honor and affirm the importance of Black History throughout our American experience, which goes back thousands of years and includes some of the most advanced and innovative societies in history; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month is a time for us to remember the stories and lessons of those who helped build our nation, realizing that Black History is American History, and that it is intertwined with the founding of America. Black History is full of individuals who took a stance against prejudice, advanced the cause of civil rights, strengthened families, communities, and our nation; and

WHEREAS, all Americans are encouraged to reflect on past successes and challenges of African Americans and look to the future to improve society so that we live up to the ideals of freedom, equality and justice;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Shari Winstead, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, encourage all residents to join me in honoring the many contributions made by African Americans throughout this region and to participate in the many educational events honoring the contributions of African Americans, and do hereby proclaim the month of February 2014 as

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

in the City of Shoreline.

Shari Winstead, Mayor