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**Council Meeting Date: January 28, 2019**

**Agenda Item: 2(a)**

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**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**  
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

<b>AGENDA TITLE:</b>	Proclamation of "Black History Month"		
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	CMO/CCK/D&I		
<b>PRESENTED BY:</b>	Jessica Simulcik Smith, City Clerk		
<b>ACTION:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance	<input type="checkbox"/> Resolution	<input type="checkbox"/> Motion
	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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.

Tonight, DarNesha Weary, Association Director of Member Engagement for the YMCA of Greater Seattle and members of the Northside Step Team will be accepting the proclamation.

Throughout the month of February, in partnership with the Black Heritage Society of Washington State, the City of Shoreline Public Art Program will present an exhibition of artwork inspired by the life and ideas of Edwin Pratt, the civil rights pioneer who lived in Shoreline.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Mayor should read the proclamation.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A – Proclamation of Black History Month

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



## **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, in 1976, Black History Month was formally adopted to honor and affirm the importance of Black History throughout our American experience, and recognizes individuals who took a stance against prejudice, advanced the cause of civil rights, and 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, Will Hall, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2019 as

## **BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

in the City of Shoreline.

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Will Hall, Mayor